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Calls for speeding crackdown

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CALLS for speed cameras on Sea Road South and for Bridport to become a "zero tolerance zone" for speeding were made at the Bridport Town Council meeting recently.

Following the death of Bridport man Steve Spear – for who a one minute's silence was held before the meeting – as a result of a car crash on Sea Road South last month, a local resident (who does not want to be named) urged town councillors to put speed cameras on that stretch of road, between the two roundabouts at The Crown and the Esso filling station.

She said: "In the accident, people were allegedly speeding incredibly fast along the road.

"Sea Road South itself is a very long, straight road and has five small entrances going onto it, three of which have a lot of residential housing with elderly people and children, and there is only one (traffic controlled) crossing near the fire station.

"I think something should be done to try and prevent people from speeding along it during the day and night.

"In particular, in terms of the accident involving Mr Spear, I really think there are a lot of people who drive around at night extremely fast and we don't have the police presence to stop that from happening."

She said she knew this was the case as when she was in an car collision in the summer, she phoned the police, who told her they only attend collisions in which someone is injured.

However, a spokesperson for Dorset Police said that police attendance depends on the circumstances surrounding the collision.

They said: "For example, a damage only collision, where the road is blocked, would attract police attendance to ensure that the road is opened and that those people involved are safe.

"A minor injury collision may not require police attendance. For example, if it was a slight rear end shunt, but would be recorded if those involved reported it to police."

The resident added: "There is nothing to deter people from driving recklessly around the town at night, which is what happened and now someone has died.

"Ideally I think we should have speed cameras throughout the town, but if we are going to put them anywhere, I suggest Sea Road South.

"I live in Main Street where Mr Spear was coming out of, so I have a personal interest, but I think it is more for the good of the town to deter these people where we don't have the police available to prevent it from happening."

Cllr Ros Kayes called for Bridport to become a "zero tolerance zone" for speeding and proposed that the council formally request Dorset County Council as the highway authority to consider the possibility of a speed camera on the road before bringing it to the A35 working group, which is chaired by West Dorset MP Sir Oliver Letwin.

She said: "I think we absolutely have to make it clear that Bridport is a zero tolerance zone for people enacting fantasies based on racing games and trying to be cool driving at 100mph down East Street and Sea Road South, which was the reported speed this car that killed my friend Steve Spear was doing.

"That is not clever. It's absolutely pathetic and has to be zero tolerance.

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'Don't risk it' - police warn drivers this Christmas

DORSET Police have launched their annual Christmas drink and drug driving campaign.

Throughout the month-long operation, officers will be requesting breath tests from all drivers involved in road traffic collisions, irrespective of whether or not they suspect a drink driving offence.

Drivers can expect to be tested during routine stop checks and if they are stopped for an offence. Drugwipe sample kits will be used on drivers suspected of being unfit to drive through drugs.

This year anyone found to have alcohol in their system but who doesn't blow over the drink drive limit will be given a free disposable breathalyser to help them make better choices in future.

Police Constable Heidi Moxam, of the Alliance Roads Policing team, said: "Over my 20 years' service with the traffic team, I have witnessed horrific devastation to families and their loved ones involved in collisions caused by drink and drug drivers.

"Having to break the news to loved ones that a family member is never coming home is one of the worst parts of my role, but sadly it happens all too often.

"Over the past decade we've significantly reduced the number of people killed and seriously injured on our roads and we are passionate about ensuring we continue this downward trend.

"I would encourage you to be the responsible driver and not to take the risk where drink or drugs are concerned.

"By making drink driving socially unacceptable among your peers, we can all help to keep our residents safe.

If you have information about anyone who has been drinking or taken drugs and is about to drive, I would urge you to call us on 999 with the make and model of the vehicle, registration number and direction of travel."

Despite long-term reductions, drink and drug driving still accounts for 15 per cent of road deaths and almost 10,000 casualties nationally each year.

Inspector Matt Butler, of the Alliance Roads Policing team, said: "Alcohol and drugs impair many of the functions necessary for safe driving; reaction times and spatial awareness are affected significantly. This may still be the case the morning after, depending on how much alcohol you consumed the night before and when you stopped drinking.

"If you take the risk, you could kill or seriously injure another person. Drink and drug driving affects real people with real families. Please plan ahead this Christmas and take responsibility."

Dorset Police & Crime Commissioner Martyn Underhill said: "Over a quarter of road fatalities in Dorset this year have involved motorists impaired by alcohol, drugs or both. Every one of those deaths was needless. Making the selfish choice to drive while under the influence has the potential to devastate families.

"I would like to remind motorists that for a small force, Dorset punches well above its weight when it comes to detecting offenders. I have met my commitment to train additional officers to carry out roadside screenings for cannabis and cocaine. Currently, around half of all drugs tests conducted deliver positive results, underlining how successfully offenders are targeted. My message is simple - don't risk it."

Help others to survive the winter cold

AN appeal to help Dorset people in fuel poverty has been launched.

The Surviving Winter Appeal, an initiative headed by a local charity Dorset Community Foundation, is asking for donations which it will pay as winter fuel grants to older people over 60 who are struggling to make ends meet.

The appeal, which is in its seventh year, initially started because shockingly high numbers of older vulnerable people were dying prematurely during the winter months. The latest figures available from the Office for National Statistics reveal that during the winter of 2014/15, 920 vulnerable people died in Dorset.

Due rising fuel costs and social isolation amongst the elderly, more and more local older people cannot afford to adequately heat their homes thus risking their health and in some cases – even their lives.

Last year the appeal raised nearly £25,000 helping 91 local households. Mr Y is one of the local older people supported by the appeal. He is a carer for his wife, who has been diagnosed with cancer. She feels the cold more since her treatments. They are both of State Retirement Pension age and have a limited income. Receiving a Surviving Winter grant last year allowed them to pay the higher energy bills. This reduced the financial stress on them both as the worry about the expected energy bill was exacerbating her health issues.

Jon Yates, Chief Executive at the Foundation explained: "It is shocking that here in Dorset, hundreds of local older people die during the winter months, as they cannot afford to heat their homes. Our latest available information shows that almost three times the numbers are dying in Dorset due to the cold compared to our neighbours in Wiltshire. This fact is simply shocking, and it is why we need your help once again."

To donate your winter fuel allowance, send a cheque made out to 'Dorset Community Foundation' to: DCF, The Spire, High Street, Poole, BH15 1DF or donations can be made online at www.dorsetcommunityfoundation.org

Surviving winter grants of up to £200 are available through Citizens Advice Bureaus across Dorset. Contact your nearest branch or ring 01929 775500.

Is this the last straw?

Litter Free Dorset and Litter Free Coast & Sea, a partnership organisation that work with local community groups, businesses and volunteers to reduce litter, are this week launching their Christmas campaign, #TheLastStraw.

Straws are usually made from plastic, used for a short length of time, and in the UK and the USA alone we throw away 550 million plastic straws a day.

Earlier this year, JD Wetherspoon announced that they would no longer automatically put single-use plastic straws in drinks. Come January 2018 they will instead use paper straws.

Charlie Wild, Litter Free Project Officer said: "This heightened awareness of single-use items has come thick and fast this year – straws are just next in line. They are a very quick and simple win for businesses to change – either by getting rid of them totally or switching to alternatives."

And local businesses are reacting to the public. After watching a documentary around the issue of plastic in the ocean, Lisa Loader, owner of Soulshine Café in Bridport said: "Two of the top items found in the sea are plastic bags and plastic straws. I just decided to start somewhere. Even if it was just in my café with hundreds of people coming through the door, that's a start. We don't really need plastic bags or straws. Sipping isn't that much of an inconvenience!" Soulshine have straws – but only bamboo and metal ones that can be reused. Other establishments like Boscanova in Bournemouth made the choice earlier this year to simply remove straws altogether.

Wimborne War on Waste, a local community group, said: "Plastic straws are one of our real hates. They are so unnecessary and they are often put into drinks without asking if you want them first. There are so many alternatives - stainless steel, bamboo, paper or glass. Plastic straws suck. We are working with pubs in Wimborne to remove plastic straws, so please visit The Thirsty Bird, The White Hart, The Taphouse and The Gin House in Wimborne for a plastic-free experience and tell them how great they are!"

The latest data from the Marine Conservation Society's Great British Beach Clean for 2017 that has just been released, saw plastic straws still in the top 10 items that were found during the beach cleans.

Charlie Wild said: "Straws are something we constantly find on our beach cleans and litter picks here in Dorset. They are an item used on average for 20 minutes and then discarded, but far too often end up as litter in our green spaces and on the beach. All straws ever made still exist – as they are made up out of plastic they just break up into smaller and smaller pieces. We are linking up with the NUS who are working nationally to get people to have #TheLastStraw. We have a pledge to sign up to on our website, along with some tips – the simplest being to just say no to the straw!"

West Bay lights up for Christmas

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HUNDREDS of people gathered on Harbour Green in West Bay for the annual switching on of the Christmas tree lights.

The organisers of West Bay Days are delighted that the Christmas Tree on the Green, which is run in association with Churches Together in Bridport and District, has so quickly become such a popular event.

St John's Church in West Bay was packed and the congregation joined in with a selection of carols accompanied by St Swithun's Band and a rousing performance of the 'Twelve Days of Christmas'.

The crowd moved outside with the band to sing more carols around the Christmas tree.

Since West Bay Days started the Christmas Tree on the Green celebrations, a resident of Harbour House has switched on the lights and this year Georgina Woodhouse agreed to do the honours.

Free seasonal refreshment and mulled wine were provided and the organisers would like to thank the George Hotel and Harbour House for providing the mulled wine and the mince pies.

The tree will now stay lit up on Harbour Green throughout December.

The West Bay Days' committee would also like to thank Bridport Town Council for its support, and Bridport mayor Cllr Anne Rickard and deputy mayor Cllr Barry Irvine for attending the event, and also all the group's many local sponsors, volunteers and beneficiaries.

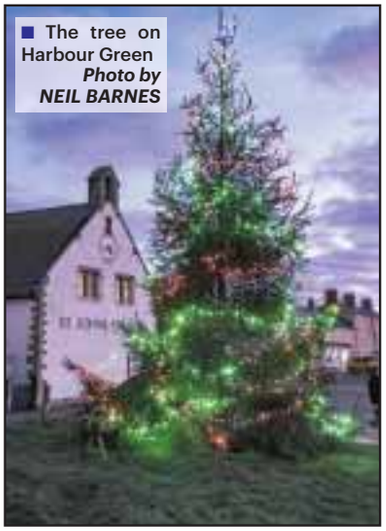
This was the last event in West Bay Days' 2017 programme.

Awards will be made to this year's beneficiaries – Bridport Barracudas, Pathways to Care, St Andrews Preschool and West Bay WI – at a presentation evening at the end of January.

Applications for the 2018 awards will be welcome from local groups and charities from mid February.

To register an interest and to receive further details, email westbaydays@gmail.com

■ Harbour House resident, Georgina Woodhouse (right) turns on the Christmas lights with Bridport mayor, Cllr Anne Rickard



■ The tree on Harbour Green *Photo by NEIL BARNES*

Church services

THE annual Churches Together Taize service will take place at Bridport United Church on Sunday, December 10th from 3.30pm.

There will be chants, readings, meditation and prayers during advent.

The Churches Together Christmas carols, songs and readings service will take place on Thursday, December 14th from 7pm at Bridport United Church during the Christmas tree festival.

Five churches will be taking part: St Mary's Church; Holy Trinity Church in Bradpole; Beacon Church in Bridport; Bridport Christian Fellowship and St Mary and Catherine Catholic Church.

Each church group/choir will sing two or three of their favourite carols.

There will be also traditional hymns for everyone to sing, interspersed with relevant readings reflecting the spirit of Christmas.

Coastwatch coffee

MEMBERS of the Lyme Bay National Coastwatch Institution will be holding a coffee morning at Burton Bradstock Village Hall on Thursday, December 7th from 10am to 1pm.

There will be coffee, tea, cakes and bacon sandwiches to either eat in or takeaway and the chance to win a fruit cake and hamper.

Free festive parking

THROUGHOUT December, there will be free parking in West Dorset District Council owned short stay car parks in Bridport and Beaminster after 1pm.

These include Wykes Court car park, East Street car park, South Street car park, Rope Walks car park in Bridport and The Square car park and Yarn Barton car park in Beaminster.

Festive concert

WEST Dorset Community Orchestra Christmas concert is taking place at St John's Church in West Bay on Wednesday, December 13th from 7.30pm.

A programme of Christmas events will be performed by West Dorset Community Orchestra conductor, Walter Brewster, and community choir Local Vocals, directed by Lesley Whatley.

The orchestra will be playing a variety of music, including works by Mozart, Handel, Elmer Bernstein and Smetana as well as Christmas favourites.

Entry is free but there will be a collection at the end.

Mince pies and refreshments will be served during the interval.

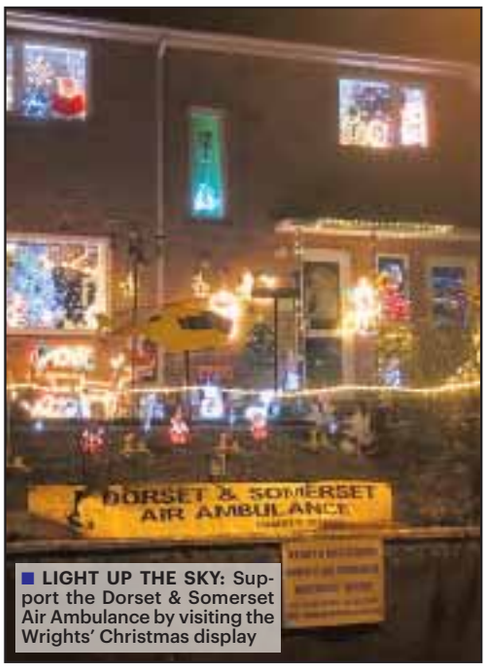
Carol service

WEST Dorset Mencap's Christmas carol service takes place on Thursday, December 14th at St Mary's Church, Bridport, from 12.30pm. Everyone is welcome and there will be tea and mince pies.

Poppy appeal total

FIONA and Andy Burwood, organisers of this year's Beaminster and District Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal, would like to report that £2,994.94 was raised and to thank everyone who supported the appeal.

Lights go on for air ambulance



■ **LIGHT UP THE SKY:** Support the Dorset & Somerset Air Ambulance by visiting the Wrights' Christmas display

ONCE again Elizabeth Wright and her family have decorated their house and garden in Edgehill Road, Bridport with festive lights and displays to raise money for the Dorset & Somerset Air Ambulance.

They have raised in excess of £1,200 in the nine years since they started and hope that the public will visit to admire their creations.

Elizabeth is inviting people to come and take a look at the display which will be lighting up the night sky during the festive season and leave a donation for a very valuable service.

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Exhibition of cards and prints

LOCAL artist Sophie Sharp has created a new workshop, 'Lupin Designs', at New House Farm in Broadoak.

The workshop is based alongside New House Pottery and Made in the Vale crafts, which will host an open studios event.

Lupin Designs features lino-cut prints and cards as well as screen-printing for cushions and lampshades.

New House Farm was previously a base for printing around 50 years ago when Creeds established their first printing press in a cottage.

The work will be on sale for a week of open studios at New House Farm from Friday, December 8th to Friday, December 15th from 10am to 4pm, but closed on Sunday.

Orchard work party

BRIDPORT Community Orchard will be holding its final work party for 2017 on Sunday, December 10th from 10am.

There will be a range of tasks to help prepare the orchard for winter and to get it ready for the annual Wassail event on Sunday, January 21st.

Jobs this month include hedge maintenance, mulching around the fruit trees, grass cutting and general tidying up.

Refreshments will be served at 11am and will include mince pies.

Everyone is welcome to attend.

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Died peacefully on 27 November 2017, aged 82 years, of Beaminster. Dearly loved by all his family. Funeral service will take place at The Higher Ground Meadow, Corscombe on Thursday, 14 December at 2.00pm. No flowers please donations are for Beaminster Youth Club and Dorset County Hospital Charity (ICU) which may be sent c/o A J Wakely & Sons, 7 North Street, Beaminster DT8 3DZ.

SHORT JEAN

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Plans afoot for next year's folk festival

PLANNING and fundraising events for next year's Bridport Folk Festival are well underway, with the three-day event set to return to the town from July 27th to 29th.

Singer songwriter Reg Meuross will continue to be a patron of the festival.

He said: "I am looking forward to my second year as the proud patron artist of Bridport Folk Festival.

"Chris Deacon and his team have done a fantastic job creating a new folk festival from scratch and it was a great success.

"People said: 'it's the most friendly festival we have been to for years' and 'it took similar festivals years to reach the point where you started'.

"This is the kind of small, friendly, community spirited festival which I love and I enjoyed being back headlining the stage of the stunning Electric Palace – it felt like coming home and I look forward to coming home again in 2018."

The festival committee is also holding a 'Young Folk Musician Award' for people aged 15 to 24.

Following a number of 'showcase' auditions starting this week on December 11th, they will be selecting the best young folk musician or musicians to perform on stage at the festival and for one act in particular, the opportunity to play support to Reg Meuross at his new CD launch concert on February 2nd at Bridport Town Hall.

The winner, chosen by a panel of judges including Reg, will also receive a studio recording package to help further their music career.

Auditions will take place on December 11th and January 22nd at The Ropemakers and December 18th and January 8th at Beach and Barnicott.

Details and application forms are available from www.bridportfolkfestival.com

An adults' competition is being organised for the new year.

There are also a number of fundraising events for the festival coming up.

Fiddle player Phil Beer will be performing at Bridport Town Hall on Saturday, March 17th.

Tickets cost £14 in advance, or £15 on the door, and are available from Bridport Tourist Information Centre and Bridport Music.

There will also be a music quiz at The Ropemakers pub on Thursday, February 15th as well as live music in Bucky Doo Square on market days from February.

Organisers are also looking for main, stage and concert sponsors, which can contact the committee by emailing eventsponsors1@gmail.com

Volunteers and stewards are also being sought to help during the festival.

For more information and to apply to volunteer, visit www.bridportfolkfestival.com

■ Folk festival organiser Chris Deacon

Fizzy Boppers get moving for Sian

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CHILDREN'S dance groups across Bridport, Dorchester, Maiden Newton and Netherbury have raised £500 for a local mum diagnosed with a rare form of cancer.

The Fizzy Boppers group took on the challenge of a sponsored dance after the team, made up of Kelly Critchell, Kim Sibley, Georgie Easton and Sarah Ridout, heard about Sian Kwan's battle and decided to help by raising money to support her with her ongoing treatment.

The symbol of Sian's crowdfunding is a flamingo, so the families attending Fizzy Boppers were asked to collect sponsorship and dance to a 'flamingo song'.

A raffle was also held during the week with prizes donated by local businesses.

Kelly Critchell, who helped organise the event, said: "The atmosphere at our groups during that week was absolutely amazing.

"Everyone fully supported our fundraising and danced their socks off to our new flamingo song, as the photos and videos on our Facebook page show!

"I would personally like to say a huge thank you to all the local businesses that donated prizes for our raffle, we all truly appreciate your kindness and generosity."

To find out more about Fizzy Boppers and the fundraising event, visit www.fizzyboppers.co.uk

To donate to local mum Sian Kwan, visit www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/siankwan

■ Fizzy Boppers groups across Dorset have raised £500 for local mum Sian Kwan who is battling a rare form of cancer

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Jo leaves an impression

THE November meeting of Bridport Art Society was, as usual, very well attended by both members and visitors who enjoyed an interesting demonstration by local artist, Jo Hamilton.

Jo grew up in London's East End, qualified as a teacher in the mid 1970s and then taught art in a Hackney comprehensive school for 27 years.

During this time she regularly exhibited in London galleries, and since moving to Dorset she now demonstrates at local art groups plus having regular exhibitions.

Her theme was 'Stained Glass Flowers' in oil pastels and watercolours, where the audience was treated to an unusual and inspiring way of creating pictures resembling stain glass windows.

As it was the last meeting of 2017, everyone enjoyed wine and mince pies during the interval and took the opportunity to look more closely at Jo's paintings.

The next meeting will be at 7.30pm on Thursday, January 25th when renowned local artist, Michael Chappell, will appraise members' own art work.

Meetings are held in Bridport Town Hall and if you would like any further information then please contact Julia on 01308 422822.

Christmas Cheer this evening

BRIDPORT Christmas Cheer takes place this evening (December 6th) with stalls, events and live music around the town.

Various stalls – including arts, crafts, local produce, food and much more – can be found in Bridport Arts Centre, the town hall and the Electric Palace as well as market stalls, festive stalls, farmers' market and local charities along East, West and South Street.

Santa's Grotto will be outside the arts centre, with a free gift for every child who visits Father Christmas, and the annual Christmas tree festival will be open in the United Church on East Street.

Local school children will be performing in Bucky Doo Square and the United Church, as well as live music from local groups outside The Bull Hotel and The Ropemakers.

The lantern parade will leave East Street car park at 5.30pm before the Christmas lights switch on at 6pm and dance performances outside Bridport Antiques in West Street.

The event runs from 4pm to 8pm with local shops staying open into the evening.

Calls for speed cameras following Sea Road South

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"We have to say, have some respect for the people in this town – it is dangerous, pathetic and childish."

● The proposal for Bridport town centre to have a 20mph speed limit was overall supported by residents in the town council's Bridport town centre consultation, which also included the possible trial pedestrianisation of the top of South Street.

Cllr Sarah Williams said: "I am very pleased the majority supported the idea of a 20mph speed limit throughout the town. I know quite a few comments came back saying, 'we can't do 20mph anyway'. I think we have heard tonight that people can drive faster than 20mph around this town.

"People are racing their cars in the evening – can we please hurriedly do this 20mph speed limit in this town and the speed camera on Sea Road South."

New councillor, Derek Bussell, said that there is no point having speed restrictions if they cannot be enforced and urged the council to pursue enforceable restrictions.

Big crowds get into the festive spirit at

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HUNDREDS of Beaminster residents gathered in The Square for the town's annual Christmas lights switch-on.

Craft stalls filled the Public Hall, food was served in The Square and children could enjoy fairground rides.

Members of Beaminster Twinning Association were with new twinning partners from Sant'Agata de' Goti selling Italian food and drink, as they are in the process of setting up a twinning project with both towns.

Town crier David Craner and donkeys from the Donkey Sanctuary in Sidmouth led the children's lantern parade with members of The Karizma Majorettes, followed by Father Christmas in his sleigh.

Music was played in the Square by local groups, including the Beaminster Youth Club Band, Phoenix Brass Band from Crewkerne, the Raucous Chorus and local school children.

The Christmas lights switch-on was counted down by Cllr Chris Turner, chairman of Beaminster Town Council.

■ Rachael Dunn and Lucy Chant of Boarsbarrow gifts and crafts

■ Rita Critchell sold Christmas gifts

■ Valerie Jepps of Beaminster Twinning Association with Pompeo Venanzi, a representative from Sant'Agata de' Goti, selling Italian food and drink

■ The Karizma Majorettes

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Beaminster's Christmas lights switch-on

CLOCKWISE (from left): Father Christmas arrives in town on his sleigh; the Moss family took part in the lantern parade; town crier David Craner with animals from the Donkey Sanctuary in the parade; local primary school children sang in The Square

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Peace poster competition winners selected

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THREE groups entered this year's Lions Club of Bridport peace poster competition.

Children from Salway Ash Primary School, Parrett & Axe Primary School and Bothenhampton Brownies created designs of what peace means to them.

Each group was judged independently and prizes were awarded by Lion president Sheila Burton.

The winners were: Salway Ash Primary School: 1st – Naomi, 2nd – Merry, 3rd – Lucy; Parrett and Axe Primary School: 1st – Daniel, 2nd – Imogen, 3rd – Erin; Bothenhampton Brownies: 1st – Kirsty, 2nd – Danielle, 3rd – Amber.

The club would like to give special thanks to Ray from the Red Plum Gallery for judging the entries from Bothenhampton Brownies.

Sheila Burton said: "This art contest encourages young people to express their visions of peace. Standards were exceptionally high and we plan to repeat the competition next year."

■ Lions' president Sheila Burton with the winners from Salway Ash Primary School

■ The winners from Parrett and Axe Primary School with Bridport Lions' Sheila Burton

■ Bothenhampton Brownies competition winners

Appeal after tractor is stolen

DORSET Police is appealing for witnesses and anyone with information following the theft of a tractor from the Beaminster area.

The incident happened over the weekend of November 18th and 19th and the tractor is described as a blue Holland Tractor T6.150, which had the registration number WA14 GZJ.

A spokesperson for Dorset Police rural crime team said: "We are appealing to anyone who saw or heard anything suspicious in the area between the relevant times to please contact Dorset Police.

"We are also keen to hear from anyone who has witnessed any suspicious vehicles in the area over the last week or knows of the tractor's current whereabouts, then we would urge you to report this.

"We would also like to take this opportunity to remind owners of tractor and agricultural equipment to lock it up and out of sight.

"It is worth considering fitting tracking devices, property marking products and alarms to areas where equipment is stored."

Dorset Police can be contacted at www.dorset.police, via email at 101@dorset.pnn.police.uk or by calling 101.

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■ Caroline Morgan (left), chief executive of Local Food Links, and Melissa Nobrega (right), founder and chief executive of Caring Cooks of Jersey

BRIDPORT based school meals provider, Local Food Links, which has been providing hot school meals in Dorset for more than 10 years, is sharing its knowledge and experience to help launch hot school meals in Jersey.

Jersey state primary schools currently have no hot meals provision and Melissa Nobrega, social entrepreneur and founder and chief executive of Caring Cooks of Jersey, hopes to replicate the unique model created by Local Food Links to enable Jersey schoolchildren to benefit in the same way as pupils on the mainland.

Melissa said: "Like Local Food Links, I am very focussed on childhood nutrition.

"Obesity rates in Jersey are high and this is something my organisation wants to change.

"Currently, 5,500 packed lunches are eaten every day and we would love to be able to offer a balanced and nutritious alternative."

As a social enterprise set up for community benefit, Local Food Links has developed a model that enables small, rural schools without kitchens of their own to enjoy freshly prepared meals.

It is this model that Caring Cooks of Jersey is eager to replicate.

Caroline Morgan, chief executive at Local Food Links, said: "It was a pleasure to welcome Melissa to Bridport.

"We share a passion for feeding children well and Local Food Links has found an original and different way to give Dorset school children the excellent meals they deserve.

"To spread this success to Jersey would be fantastic."

Carnival boost for local organisations and appeals

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LOCAL groups have received a boost as beneficiaries of this year's Bridport Carnival.

Committee chairman Shaun Fox welcomed representatives from Loders Youth Club, St Mary's Church Roof Appeal and Bridport Bandits to a cheque presentation evening.

Carnival attendant Lily Rayner presented the cheques to the groups and each club was asked to say how the money will be spent.

On behalf of Loders Youth Club, Rachael Nokes said their donation will go towards a talent contest to be held in the new year, which will not only show their talent but will help boost young people's confidence.

The remainder will go towards replacing ageing equipment.

Three members of Bridport Bandits received their cheque saying that without such financial help, they would struggle to keep the project going.

As well as helping to build a new car, the money will also give the club's members a great learning opportunity.

The Reverend Pete Stone accepted a cheque on behalf of St Mary's Church Roof Appeal and was pleased to report the fund is just over halfway towards its target.

A rose bush was presented to Betty Scadding as a thank you for arranging the 'misplaced article' window competition, which involves misplaced items left in windows of businesses around the town.

Mr Fox invited the Bridport mayor, Cllr Anne Rickard, to say a few words.

She said that the carnival was not only one of the highlights in the town's calendar, but that the town council is pleased this event takes place.

It is one of her favourites, especially the torchlight procession on Sunday evening, so much so that she has chosen a photograph of the torchlight procession for her Christmas card this year.

During her speech, she made reference to the fact that the carnival takes a lot of organising and is expensive to put on but hopes it will continue to take place and prosper.

Shaun thanked all the sponsors and businesses that helped as without their generous donations there would be less to donate to charity.

He went on to thank those who put in floats and who walked in the procession and all who attended the torchlight.

He concluded by thanking the committee, who is looking forward to organising next year's carnival.

Anyone interested in joining the committee, or who has ideas, should contact Joyce Dunford on 01308 422643 or email joyce dunford@yahoo.co.uk

■ Loders Youth Club, Bridport Bandits and St Mary's Church Roof Appeal have benefitted from money raised at this year's carnival. Representatives are pictured with carnival chairman Shaun Fox (back, centre left) and carnival attendant Lily Rayner (back, centre right).

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Girl hit by car

A 12-YEAR-old girl was seriously injured following a collision with a car on the A35 at Morcombelake on the evening of Tuesday, November 28th.

Emergency services were called just after 6pm to reports of the collision involving the girl as a pedestrian.

A spokesperson for Dorset Police said: "Officers attended along with the ambulance service and road closures were put in place while emergency services dealt with the incident.

"The road was reopened at around 12.40am on Wednesday, November 29th.

"The pedestrian, a 12-year-old girl, was taken to hospital with injuries that were believed to be serious but not life threatening. She has since been released from hospital."

The girl suffered head injuries and was taken to Dorset County Hospital by ambulance.

Suspicious vehicles

THE Dorset Police Crime Team wants to make members of the public aware of suspicious vehicles that have recently been seen in the county.

The first vehicle is a 2001 grey Ford Transit with the registration number of S*51 *KN. This vehicle has been seen driving into farms and private access roads and believed to be being used in rural theft in Dorset and Somerset.

The second vehicle is a 2000 green Mitsubishi 4X4 with registration number W*5* SJH. This vehicle and its occupants are believed to be involved in poaching in the East Dorset area.

The third suspicious vehicle is a 1994 green Suzuki Vitara with registration number M*93 *HU. It is believed this vehicle has been used for poaching in Dorset.

If these vehicles or other vehicles are seen acting suspiciously in a rural area, those who witness it are asked to gather as much evidence as possible, such as the registration number and descriptions of the driver and any passengers and contact Dorset Police immediately.

To report information call 101, visit www.dorset.police.uk or email 101@dorset.pnn.police.uk. For a crime in progress or a danger to life, please call 999. Alternatively contact Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111 or at www.crimestoppers-uk.org

Groves' Christmas tree sales to support food banks

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GROVES Nurseries in Bridport and Little Groves in Beaminster will be repeating their charity Christmas tree promotion this December.

Staff at the garden stores will be donating 50p from every real tree sold to support the food banks in the two towns – last year they managed to donate many trolley loads of goods.

A spokesperson of Groves said: "The number of people needing to use the food banks has increased every year since Groves has supported them and this year is no different with Christmas being the food banks' busiest time.

"Recent changes in the Universal Credit system have caused more hardship than ever for local families, single people and couples; many of whom have to think hard at this time of year about buying food or paying heating bills to stay warm."

The Reverend Pete Stone from Bridport Team Ministry and Cupboard Love food bank, said: "With the help of people like Groves, we can provide Christmas hampers that include all the ingredients for a traditional Christmas dinner, plus presents for children.

"We are so grateful for their continued support and not only in donating but for helping us to deliver hampers in their vans."

Those who would like to help Groves give as much as possible are encouraged to visit either Groves in Bridport or Little Groves in Beaminster and buy a tree.

They both offer free same day delivery in the local area for those who buy a tree before 2pm.

■ Groves Nurseries in Bridport and Little Groves in Beaminster are helping food banks in both towns this Christmas by donating 50p from every Christmas tree sold. Clive Groves (right) is pictured with the Reverend Pete Stone of Cupboard Love food bank (left), Father Christmas and Mrs Claus.

Rebranded drop-in centre celebrates third anniversary

▲ MEMBERS, trustees and supporters of the Burrough Harmony Centre, *pictured* – previously Harmony Drop-in centre – gathered together to celebrate the group's third anniversary.

The service, which provides support for people living with mental health problems in West Dorset, started in Downes Street, Bridport, but has since moved to Bridport Youth and Community Centre and changed names in recognition of the generous support given by the Graham Burrough Trust.

The group had an update of the year from trustees, which included the appointment of another facilitator, Caroline, who has joined Joanne, and enjoyed a buffet dinner a cake together.

The group is open from 10am to 2pm on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. For more information, visit www. harmonydropin.org.uk

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CHRISTMAS is a very busy time for everyone; Dave Cumber Vets have some helpful tips to ensure that you and your pets have a fun, safe and healthy holiday season.

Dave Cumber Vets have kindly supplied a veterinary 12 Days of Christmas. 12 common Christmas pet hazards that they feel belong on Santa's "naughty" list.

1st Day of Christmas — Tinsel: is a common cause of digestive obstruction, especially in cats. If your cat (or dog) enjoys eating decorations it might just be safer not to put tinsel on the tree.

2nd Day of Christmas — Fruitcake: Between the nuts and dried fruit, and the alcohol, this seasonal treat can prove dangerous for your cats and dogs. At the very least they will have a very upset stomach.

3rd Day of Christmas — Mistletoe: Eating small quantities can lead to dribbling and stomach upset, while larger quantities can lead to heart rate and rhythm problems (arrhythmias) or neurologic issues. Hang it high and remove the berries to improve safety.

4th Day of Christmas — Batteries: Batteries are everywhere at Christmas time - from the presents to Christmas lights and much more. While alkaline batteries can cause burns (if chewed) and obstruction even if swallowed whole, it's the smaller "button" or "disc" type batteries that easily cause more severe, more-likely-to-be-fatal burns in a cat's or dog's throat.

5th Day of Christmas — Lilies: A big concern for cats as they can cause kidney failure— and it's not just the flower, but also it's the pollen and the vase water that are dangerous.

6th Day of Christmas — Ornaments: Broken glass, swallowed ornaments, and the ornament "hangers" can all wreak havoc for a cat or dog's digestive tract. Broken glass isn't fun for their delicate paws, either.

7th Day of Christmas — Fairy Lights: Not only can a pet's bite into a strand of lights cause a nasty burn in their mouth, it can also cause seizures and a dangerous build-up of fluid in their lungs.

8th Day of Christmas — Chocolate: The higher the percentage of cocoa solids in chocolate, the more dangerous it is for dogs. Don't let your pet beat you to the Christmas tree chocolates!

9th Day of Christmas — Wrapping Bows & Ribbons: Like tinsel, wrapping bows and ribbons are a very common and dangerous cause of digestive obstruction in pets this time of year. Given their natural curiosity, cats are typically at higher risk, so be sure to dispose of all wrapping carefully.

10th Day of Christmas — Holly: Christmas means Holly, but those red berries and shiny leaves can cause upset stomachs or worse in pets. Pine needles can also cause vomiting and diarrhoea if your pet hoovers them up before you do

11th Day of Christmas — Cyclamen: A favourite festive plant which can cause excessive dribbling, stomach upset, and heart problems for pets that decide to take a taste. Poinsettias can also irritate your pet's mouth and stomach and cause vomiting.

12th Day of Christmas — Festive Friends: Because of all the things they bring into your home during holidays, visitors can also be a pet hazard. You can lessen the danger by ensuring that people hang all their coats and bags well out of reach of the pets, keep their bedroom and bathroom doors closed, and asking them not to feed your pets anything from the table. The change in routine can also greatly upset some pets.

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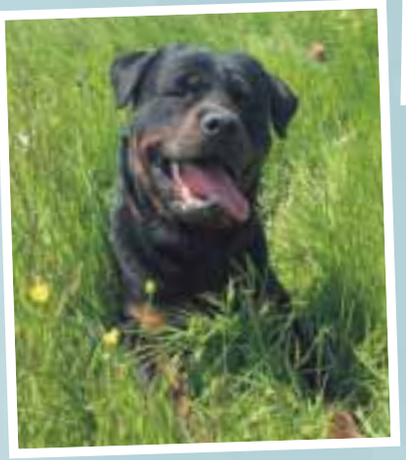

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Driving instructors strike over new tests

MEMBERS of the Public and Commercial Services Union (PCS) based in Dorchester in the Driver and Vehicle Standards Agency (DVSA) were among those taking part in a 48-hour national strike on Monday and Tuesday this week over changes in the new driving test which, they feel, are dangerous. This added to the action short of a strike which began last week in a dispute over the new driving test and working patterns.

Changes to the driving test include more independent driving, following sat nav instructions and answering questions while behind the wheel.

The Driver and Vehicle Standards Agency insists the new test offers a more realistic assessment of the skills needed.

The strike action led to hundreds of tests across the country being cancelled in the first week of the action.

The DVSA has withdrawn overtime from striking workers and imposed leave schedules meaning that an even greater backlog of tests is inevitable due to the imposed reductions in service.

A ballot in October saw an 84 per cent vote for strike action on a 70 per cent turnout.

The strike action across the DVSA saw up to 14,000 driving tests cancelled on the day the new driving test was launched.

Other effects of the action included reduced roadside checks on vehicles, reduced enforcement checks on lorries and other vehicles coming into the UK and a significant reduction of tachograph testing.

■ **DRIVING instructors from the Public and Commercial Services Union on the picket line in Dorchester this week**

PCS General Secretary Mark Serwotka commented: "PCS members in the DVSA have tried to negotiate around their concerns but the door has been slammed shut in their faces. They now feel they have no alternative but to take industrial action to bring home to the public how damaging the DVSA proposals are.

"No one takes strike action lightly and we acknowledge the disruption to the driving tests for learner drivers keen to pass their test but the Government could have avoided this strike at the 11th hour by agreeing to serious talks and withdrawing their most damaging proposals. I have written to the Transport Minister Chris Grayling urging him to intervene."

PCS south west regional secretary James Davies said: "Our concerns about the new test have been completely ignored even though our driving examiner members are warning that the new manoeuvres pose a serious risk to public safety and those taking the test themselves. As we near the launch date of the new test it's about time the employer listened to our concerns and agreed to negotiate."

Dorset man is best wedding DJ

A DJ from Corfe Castle has received a special award.

Iggy Davis, pictured, who gave up his day job four years ago to make a career from something he loves has been crowned Best Wedding DJ in Dorset.

"I was lucky really," said Iggy. "I was in a position where I had to either retrain or find something different for a career, and I thought I'd just try doing something I enjoy doing and just put everything into it.

"It's an amazing feeling that it's been recognised that I do a good job with this award."

Iggy added that designing the evening around the couple is what makes the magic happen.

"There's several ways in which I try to personalise the wedding day for people, for example a big screen for introducing guests who can't make it to the event, or maybe a live feed from friends and relatives in other countries.

"I try to get the couple's personality through and get all the guests involved in the day."

Iggy was also highly commended in the South West category for the National Wedding Industry Awards and has previously won others. In 2015 he awarded the scholarship award by the National Association of DJs, which equipped him with training and networking opportunities to grow his business.

£50,000 for new skatepark in Wool

A two-year project to build a new skatepark in Wool has been given a major boost.

Sport England hasawarded the scheme £50,000 worth of funding.

The aim is to replace the deteriorating ramps with a new cutting edge facility that will allow young people of all ages to try the sport.

Project Director, local father and skater Patrick Murray has been driving the project for more than two years and is delighted to have won such a large grant.

"Our vision is to provide a high-class rural skatepark, which is open access and will allow young people of all abilities to safely participate in this fantastic sport. The new design will greatly increase the capacity," he said.

Mr Murray plans to foster community cohesion and youth development through a Skate Ambassador programme, training sessions and regular skate jams.

Pharmacies on the frontline in health care this winter

■ **COUNCILLOR Jill Haynes meets the team at Victoria Park Pharmacy in Dorchester who can offer help and advice over illness this winter**

DORSET pharmacists are reminding residents that they can offer advice and support this winter, instead of GPs.

There is a range of services available including flu vaccines, treatment for common ailments and help with quitting smoking and maintaining sexual health.

Most pharmacies now also have consultation rooms meaning you can speak privately.

Dorchester's Victoria Park pharmacist Robin Mitchell says people should consider them as their first port of call in many cases. He said: "This winter, community pharmacies are going to be needed more than ever. We are the first port of call for many local people on healthcare matters and our regular patients and the wider community really rely on us. This is particularly the case over the winter months with coughs, colds and flu all becoming more common, and GP practices and hospitals already working flat out.

"As well as making sure everyone has the medicines they need this winter we'll be helping people to understand and make the most of those medicines, and offering them advice on common ailments. We can also vaccinate people against flu, if they are eligible for a free NHS flu jab. And all of this without the need to wait for an appointment."

Councillor Jill Haynes, Dorset County Council Cabinet member for health and care visited the pharmacy in Maud Road, Dorchester, to hear about the work the team are doing to help residents in Dorset this winter.

She said: "As we approach the winter months, all NHS and social care services are working harder than ever to manage the increasing demand for healthcare. I have learnt today about how community pharmacies are playing their part in these efforts, helping people when they are feeling unwell or need healthcare advice. I am keen to ensure the council does all that it can to help develop community pharmacy services that meet the needs of both local patients and health and care services."

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Flower club gets festive

AT THEIR November meeting, West Dorset Flower Club enjoyed a practice session entitled 'Christmas Designs'.

Members tried their hand at swags and spheres and had a lot of fun creating some stunning and colourful designs.

The afternoon was a huge success and was rounded off with tea and mince pies.

The next meeting is on Monday, December 11th at the WI Hall in North Street when Irene Hickson will present her demonstration 'Festive Tints and Glows'.

New members and visitors are very welcome.

For further details please contact the secretary on 01308 488497.

Age UK looking for shop volunteers

AGE UK is looking for volunteers to work in its shop in Bridport, which raises vital funds to support services for older people in the area.

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Hula-hoopers raise funds for Macmillan

■ A CHARITY hula-hoop session, led by Debbie Jones, has raised £140 for Macmillan Cancer Support.

The event had a great turnout with members having lots of fun on the day.

Debbie hosts a hoop class on Mondays from 6.30pm to 7.30pm at Bridport Youth and Community Centre, Gundry Lane, where children and adults are welcome.

The next charity event will be a 'hula hoopathon' on February 4th from 8am to 8pm at Bridport Leisure Centre, which will raise funds for local cancer support group, The Living Tree.

Debbie will be inviting schools, local businesses and individuals to drop in through this 12 hour event.

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Special award for media graduate

A STUDENT from Beaminster has been awarded a special prize at this year's University of Gloucestershire graduation ceremony.

BA (Hons) Media Production graduate, Victoria Baskett, received the School of Media Annual Creativity Prize, which is awarded to the student who orchestrates the most creative project to directly support the work of the school.

Victoria, who previously studied at Beaminster School, has now secured a job as a marketing product manager for a global agricultural and equestrian brand.

Victoria said: "Considering the exceptional standard of projects produced by the School of Media at the university, I am incredibly proud to be the person to represent media production with this award.

"My lecturers were amazing, all of them constantly made an effort to know your name and give you an individual experience; I never felt like a number.

"Studying at the University of Gloucestershire was the best decision I have ever made and it has given me a lot of opportunities and experiences which has helped me land my new job."

St Mary's pupils visit tea factory

PUPILS in Reception, Year One and Year Two classes at St Mary's Academy in Beaminster paid a special visit to Clipper Teas to look at the building site and tea factory. On arrival at the building site, Mr Philip Hardwill provided everyone with hard hats and the children learned lots about the new factory building. They then went over to the tea store to see how the boxes of finished tea bags are packaged. The children would like to say a big thank you to Clipper Tea and Mr Hardwill and his team.

Charlotte wins award for song celebrating 100 years of the Women's Institute in Dorset

BEAMINSTER WI member, Charlotte Hyslop, has won first prize for her song celebrating the Dorset Federation of Women's Institutes' (DFWI) centenary.

She was awarded the accolade at DFWI centenary conference in Poole, which was attended by other members of the Beaminster branch, as well as WIs from all over Dorset parading their unique banners.

Charlotte later performed the song to her fellow singers at Raucous Chorus.

The Beaminster WI showed their all round expertise by also winning the skittle trophy for a third year in a row.

Beaminster WI will be celebrating its own centenary in January next year.

Charlotte is pictured being awarded for her centenary song.

Car wash support for Mountjoy School

MOUNTJOY School in Beaminster is being supported by local business, Legends Carwash, when they sell Christmas trees throughout December.

From every tree sold by the Beaminster based car wash, £1 will be donated to the Friends of Mountjoy School.

Charles Farnham, owner of Legends Carwash, said: "It is wonderful to be able to give something back to the community at this time of year, so each year we chose a different charity to support.

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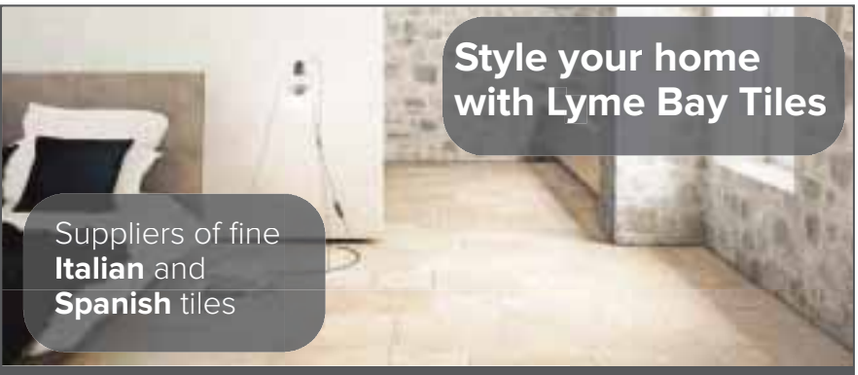

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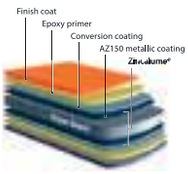

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Maris Donovan has launched her recent novel 'The Chicken Soup Murder' in Bridport

Maria launches new book

LOCAL author Maria Donovan has launched her latest book, 'The Chicken Soup Murder', in Bridport.

At the launch in Beach and Barnicott, Maria gave thanks to her supporters and friends before reading a short extract from the book.

She said: "It was a great evening with family, friends and well wishers.

"I am very happy after all my travels to be having a book launch in South Street, just a few doors away from the house where we lived, where I was born, and with the support of two South Street businesses: Beach and Barnicott and The Book Shop."

The novel, which was a finalist for The Dundee International Book Prize and published by Seren Books, is set in a small seaside town in Dorset in 2012, and is a murder mystery with a warm heart, that also seeks to talk about how people cope with grieving.

It is written in the voice of 11-year-old Michael, who suspects a murder committed by a neighbour.

The book is available from local bookshops or direct from www.serenbooks.com and www.amazon.co.uk

Burton Bradstock pupils host 'Coffee Stop' at the village hall

Lottie Welch
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FOLLOWING the success of last year's event, children at Burton Bradstock Primary School were once again invited to host the November 'Coffee Stop' in the village hall.

The monthly event is hosted by one of the variety of village organisations and the pupils received compliments for carrying out the various tasks so well.

They welcomed visitors, helped them to tables, took orders for refreshments, served and cleared tables throughout the morning and were continually praised for their courtesy and the pleasant way they engaged with guests.

The children also took along examples of their work and explained what they were learning, which promoted many discussions about the differences between the current curriculum and that of the past.

Elaine Tame, one of the regular visitors to Coffee Stop, said: "I was amazed at the high standard of work and the huge contrast with what I was learning at their age.

"Their work was also beautifully presented with a great deal of care and attention to detail."

Class teacher Holly Varndell said: "They were all very excited to have the opportunity to take part in the Coffee Stop again this year and it gave us a chance to learn about customer care and working as a team.

"I was delighted with their response and with the warm reception they received from all those attending."

The school benefitted from more than £120 raised through the sale of coffee and cake.

The school now shares responsibility with other groups for hosting the monthly events.

The next, on December 13th, will be hosted by members of St Mary's Church.

Pupil Harvey taking orders

Pupils Amber and Tom serving coffee and cake

More than 300 firearms surrendered

MORE than 300 firearms and ammunition were handed in to Dorset Police during a nationally held firearms surrender.

The campaign, led by the National Ballistics Intelligence Service, ran for two weeks at the end of November.

Items surrendered to Dorset Police were:

- 93 air weapons including air pistols and air rifles
- 13 pistols
- 21 revolvers
- 9 rifles
- 40 shotguns
- 9 deactivated firearms
- 29 imitation firearms
- ammunition

Michelle Mounsey, Alliance Firearms and Explosives Licensing Manager for the Devon & Cornwall Police and Dorset Police said a number of items handed in during the surrender will be subject to investigative testing. She said: "As a result of this firearms surrender, hundreds of firearms and thousands of rounds of ammunition have been taken out of circulation within our communities.

"While not every firearm is owned with the intent of criminal activity, a firearm can become a lethal weapon in the wrong hands. The campaign was very much an opportunity for anyone to hand in illegal, unregistered or unwanted firearms or ammunition without risk of arrest at the point of surrender and while the campaign is now over, I would encourage anyone in possession of such a firearm or ammunition to continue to act responsibly and contact us for safe disposal in order to ensure our communities are a safe place to live."

It only took a picture ...

A COMMUNICATIONS officer at Dorset County Council has made an interesting discovery during her work with Dorset History Centre.

Fiona King is working on a fundraising project to digitise a collection of local photographs by former Weymouth photographer Graham Herbert.

Graham Herbert recorded Dorset life for three decades and one particular photograph caught Fiona's eye.

She explained: "It was a row of thatched cottages and there was something familiar about them."

She found out that these were in East Chaldon. It was where the artist and sculptor Elizabeth Muntz lived. The cottages were next to the farm where Fiona's father, Peter Childs. was born and lived until he was eight years old.

Fiona said: "I talked to my mum about it and she reminded me that my father used to sit for Miss Muntz and visiting artists too. In fact, he was a good artist himself and often used to sketch me as a child.

"When his father died, dad, his mum (Violet) and his sister remained in the village, having to move out of the farm because it was tenanted."

Fiona's grandmother died when she was two and her father passed away nine years ago.

"I'd love to know more about the pictures that Dad sat for. There is a painting in the Dorset County Museum by Elizabeth Muntz of a mother and child and I can't help wondering if it's my family.

"And I have found out that Elizabeth Munz 's archives have been transferred to Dorset History Centre, so I will be taking time to see what I can find."

"The Herbert collection is a valuable part of the local history and it would be a shame to lose this connection with the past. Archives are essentially stories, often personal ones which is why we keep them."

Dorset History Centre needs to raise vital funds to save this collection. The aim is to raise £8,000 to digitise the photos before they decay.

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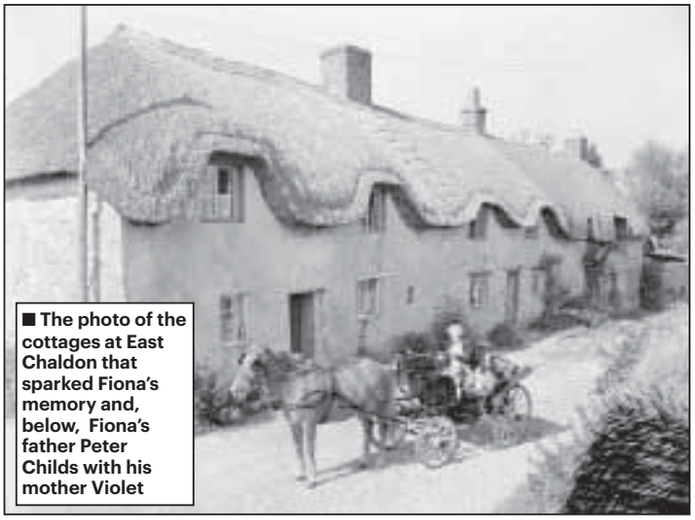

■ The photo of the cottages at East Chaldon that sparked Fiona's memory and, below, Fiona's father Peter Childs with his mother Violet

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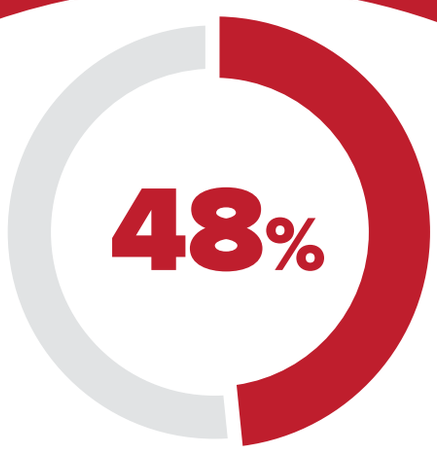

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The ultimate leisure guide for West Dorset

VIEW 2

A traditional Dorset Christmas

WITH their roots in the South Dorset Ridgeway and inspired by the rich sources of locally collected folk songs and West Gallery carols, The Ridgeway Singers and Band led by Tim Laycock and Phil Humphries have once again tuned their fiddles and voices to present a joyous celebration of Christmas past and present this winter.

Originally formed as part of an Artsreach project exploring the South Dorset Ridgeway, the groups Christmas Carol concerts have proved hugely popular across the County. Yvonne Gallimore, Artsreach Co-Director said "When we initially formed the choir, we had no idea just how popular their traditional carol concerts would be. With a wealth of local songs and dance tunes recorded over the years, we are exciting to hear what new numbers the group will be presenting this Christmas."

Sung by village choirs in English country churches from the 18th century onwards, West Gallery music's demise was brought about by the innovations of the organ and harmonium, and the accompanying musicians who played the fiddle, the cello and the serpent might have been no more than a footnote in history, if it hadn't been for this style of popular music being recorded by writers such as Thomas Hardy, the traditional music he knew as a boy, and the wonderful stories and poems in which he evoked the singers and musicians who performed it.

This seasonal programme will include works from Puddletown, Durweston and Hinton St Mary manuscripts, together with newly composed carols in the West Gallery tradition. Interspersed with some sparkling instrumental pieces and midwinter stories, plus a few Ridgeway favourites, expect a heart-warming seasonal celebration of all things Dorset!

See The Ridgeway Singers & band in a 4pm performance at Winfrith Church (01305 853783) on Sunday, December 17th. Tickets and further information also available from www.artsreach.co.uk

■ The Ridgeway Singers

Suffer, fools!

Scotland's biggest female comic performs in Lyme

THE Marine Theatre is pleased to present one of Scotland's funniest comedians, Fern Brady, on Friday, December 15th at 8pm.

Listed by *The Telegraph* as one of the top five comedians to watch, and following two shows that sold out through word of mouth alone, Scottish comedian Fern Brady is back on tour with her latest show, *'Suffer, Fools!'*.

She reached the finals of "So You Think You're Funny" at the 2011 Edinburgh Fringe, where she was placed joint third, the finals of the Piccadilly Comedy Club new act competition in 2012 and the Hackney Empire New Act of the Year in 2013. She has also appeared on 8 Out Of 10 Cats and The Alternative Comedy Experience and has written for *The Guardian*.

Tickets are £16 or £14 concessions, available by calling 01297 442138 or online at www.marinetheatre.com

■ Fern Brady

A Christmas Carol - *Bah, Humbug!*

A magical piece of festive theatre heads to Dorset

FOLLOWING popular tours with his take on 'Great Expectations', 'Dracula' and 'The Odyssey', Cornish actor and co-founder of Knee-high Theatre, Dave Mynne returns to Dorset this winter with a brand new festive show, which will visit two West Dorset venues through Artsreach, the counties arts charity.

Spend an evening in the company of a mean, tight-fisted, squeezing, grasping, clutching old miser and watch, horrified, as Ebenezer Scrooge is haunted by four creepy ghosts, each one more terrifying than the last. Then sob at the bedside of a tiny, malnourished child, riven with rickets – joy to all mankind – Bah!

In his inimitable style, the outstanding Dave Mynne will take you on a grim journey through the dark, dismal streets of Victorian London, where Ignorance and Want cower together. Using Dickens' original words combined with anarchic comedy (and hopefully a few laughs), celebrate the festive season with a mesmerising one-man performance of 'A Christmas Carol', Dickens' timeless, transformative story. Suitable for ages 8+, see it in Broadoak (01308 424922) on Saturday, December 9th and in the afternoon at Piddletrenthide (01300 348247) on Sunday, December 10th. Full details and tickets from www.artsreach.co.uk

Making Dorset Winter Show starts this week at Bridport Arts Centre

FOLLOWING the success of the publication 'Fifty Dorset Makers' and this summer's two-day event at Wolfeton Riding House; Dorset Visual Arts in association with Bridport Arts Centre brings you a collection of work from the best of Dorset's Designer Makers this Christmas!

The Allsop Gallery will be filled with unique items including jewellery, textiles, glassware, ceramics and much more, with a range of prices to suit all pockets! As part of this special exhibition there will be a Meet the Makers Event, Fri 8th Dec, 1.30pm-3pm. An exciting opportunity to meet these talented makers who can tell you more about their craft. There will be festive nibbles too! A lovely way to spend an afternoon looking for interesting gifts for loved ones.

" The exhibition at Wolfeton Riding House was very well received with a huge audience coming to see work of this standard. There was a fantastic buzz with many of the makers on hand to talk about their work. We hope that the Making Dorset Winter Show will create a similar atmosphere! I can't wait to set up, it is such a treat to see so much fabulous work in one great space."

Suzy Rushbrook, Dorset Visual Arts

Featured we will have a very special John Makepeace table, which the well known and established furniture maker is very kindly donating to Bridport Arts Centre and Dorset Visual Arts. The unique carved lime-wood piece is going to put up for silent auction, with a reserve of £1000. People can bid during the exhibition and the highest bidder will be notified at the end.

"We are overwhelmed with this kind and generous offer from John. We are very fortunate to have such a talented designer maker on our doorstep, who is so supportive of what we do here. I can't wait to see it in the Allsop Gallery as the centre piece of this exhibition" says Laura Cockett - Arts Centre Director.

Making Dorset aims to develop a network of Dorset's best designer makers – many of whom have important national reputations. This is fantastic opportunity to see world-class making in one of Dorset's largest public gallery spaces.

Bridport Arts Centre and Dorset Visual Arts look forward to warmly welcoming you during the festive season. The Exhibition will be open Wednesday, December 6th, for Christmas Cheer until Wednesday, December 20th. Open Tues-Sat, 10am - 4pm.

Bootleg Blondie

The official Blondie tribute act bring the hits to Bridport

BLONDIE Fans are in for a treat when the official tribute act Bootleg Blondie perform at Bridport Arts Centre Friday, December 15th, 8pm.

They are the only Blondie tribute band and the only Blondie tribute to play the legendary CBGB's in New York City before it's demise in 2006. CBGB's was the Holy Grail of American Punk and New Wave, where the real Blondie first kicked off their career.

Debbie Harris and Bootleg Blondie have played the Isle Of Wight Festival, the 100 Club, the Hammersmith Palais, The Electric Ballroom in London, Eric's in Liverpool, and have opened up for amongst others

The Undertones, Slade, Bad Manners, The Beat, Heaven 17, Toyah, Hazel O'Connor, Tony Hadley and can be seen at all the major venues and festivals around the UK and Europe.

Debbie Harris and the boys have met the REAL Blondie and are officially endorsed by the band. Debbie Harry got in touch in 2006 when she heard we were playing CBGB's in New York City to wish them good luck with our show.

Debbie Harris, lead vocalist of Bootleg Blondie, has the looks, the voice and the attitude of the original Blondie bombshell and like her heroine is typically outrageous on stage. She has been known to wear dustbin liners, thigh length boots and t.shirts with more holes than t.shirt! Debbie's pride & joy is her guitar which she plays at every show and is signed by all the Blondie members.

It's going to be non stop entertainment at Bridport Arts Centre with songs mainly taken from the album Parallel Lines. So book your tickets and party like it's 1978.

Book at www.bridport-arts.com or call 01308 424204

A festive musical treat in Dorchester

DORCHESTER Arts will host a festive musical treat from one of the UK's leading contemporary string quartets at the Corn Exchange on Sunday, December 17th.

Adam and Charlotte Caird/Dylan Thomas: *A Child's Christmas in Wales*

This wonderful adaptation for strings and narrator of *A Child's Christmas in Wales* chronicles Dylan Thomas's own childhood memories and remains one of his most popular and loved works. A festive musical treat.

Fodé Lassana Diabaté: *Sunjata's Time*

Sunjata's Time is dedicated to Sunjata Keita, the warrior prince who founded the great Mali Empire in 1235, which, at its height, stretched across the West African savannah to the Atlantic shores. Fodé Lassana Diabaté originally wrote the piece for the balafon, the 22-key traditional xylophone of which he is a virtuoso player. This brilliant arrangement for string quartet is by Jacob Garchik.

Stef Conner: Singing Strings: *A Contemporary Quartet in Conversation*

This is a musical and theatrical treatise on the contemporary string quartet, tracing sounds and their histories through the medium of a four-way conversation between voices and instruments. Musical materials take root in the sound world of the contemporary string quartet and evolve into gestures that evoke and extol the musicality of words about music.

The concert takes place on Sunday, December 17th at 3pm (doors and bar 2.30pm) at Dorchester. Tickets are £16 and £14 members and concessions, available online at www.dorchesterarts.org.uk or by calling 01305 266926.

Marine Comedy Club Edinburgh Festival special

THE Marine Theatre is pleased to present a special double bill of acclaimed comedy from Edinburgh Festival.

Headlining is Naz Osmanoglu is a British comedian and – strangely - a member of the Imperial House of Osman, former ruling dynasty of the Ottoman Empire. Star of BBC3's Live at the Electric, winner of the Amused Moose Laugh-off competition and Chortle Best Newcomer Nominee 2010, Naz Osmanoglu has hit the comedy world running. Already a fringe veteran with acclaimed sketch trio WitTank, he is now diverting his angry Anglo-Turkish energy to stand-up as well as sketch comedy.

Flo & Joan is the British musical comedy duo and is also sisters, Nicola and Rosie Dempsey.

The pair has headlined to sold-out audiences across North America and the UK including Reading and Latitude Festival.

They had a viral hit with their 2016 Song, which to date has received 46 million views. They appeared on Canadian TV comedy programme This Hour Has 22 Minutes and on BBC Radio 4's Fresh From the Fringe.

■ Naz Osmanoglu

■ Flo and Joan

The Kindness of Stranglers, their 2017 show, sold out in advance and received a raft of positive reviews.

The Comedy Club double bill takes place on Friday, December 8th at 8pm.

Tickets are £15, available by calling 01297 442138 or online at www.marinetheatre.com

Live Gigs

Saturday 9 December
Crown Inn, Bridport
Stocky Lamaar
9.30pm. Free

Nag's Head, Lyme Regis
Relics

Marine Theatre, Lyme Regis
VivaSantana
8pm. £16/£14

Corn Exchange, Dorchester
Police Dog Hogan
8pm. £15/£13

Electric Palace, Bridport
Doctor & The Medics
£16.50adv, £20 door

Spice Centre, Dorchester
Bernardo plays continental guitar 8pm. Free entry

Saturday 16 December
Crown Inn, Bridport
The Cadence
9.30pm. Free

Spice Centre, Dorchester
Bernardo plays continental guitar 8pm. Free entry

TOP 10

Top Ten Artist Sales of Preloved Vinyl for week ending Saturday, December 2nd compiled by Clocktower Music Bridport

1. The Beatles
2. 10cc
3. Glen Campbell
4. Robert Johnson
5. Spacemen 3
6. Velvet Underground
7. Blues Pills
8. White Stripes
9. Deep Purple
10. Jerry Lee Lewis

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Your guide to local live music

Police Dog Hogan back in Dorchester

KICK up your heels as Police Dog Hogan come Dorchester Arts at the Dorchester Corn Exchange on Saturday, December 9th. Police Dog Hogan are a high-energy and eclectic eight-piece fusing of country, pop, folk and rocking bluegrass.

Driving country-rock rhythms and a distinctive Americana vibe underpin lead singer James Studholme's lyrics, in this collection of stories and personal observations. The collective musical skills of the band have been used to full effect to create an album that delivers on both interpretation and atmosphere.

Police Dog Hogan, first formed in 2009, has evolved over the years into a tight-knit eight-piece band combining guitar, fiddle, banjo, mandolin, accordion, trumpet, keyboards, bass and drums to create an exuberant fusing of country, pop, folk and rocking bluegrass.

The band regularly plays to sell-out audiences up and down the country. After more than 300 live shows they've become a serious and ambitious musical venture that marries a devotion to touring and the presentation of consummate live performances with an utter dedication to song writing and recording.

Tickets are £15 full price or £13 for Members of Dorchester Arts, under-18s or those on low income, and are available from the Dorchester Arts box office on 01305 266926, in person at the Corn Exchange (weekdays 10am - 4pm) or via www.dorchesterarts.org.uk.

■ Police Dog Hogan

A Celebration of Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons

'BYE BYE Baby - A Celebration of Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons' was the first show created by Marc Juan Productions in 2013, and features four singers starring as Valli, Tommy DeVito, Nick Massi and Bob Gaudio.

Accompanied by a four-piece band, the show follows the trials and successes of Frankie Valli and the four seasons told through their music and engaging narrative. Arriving at The Marine Theatre in Lyme Regis , the BBB boys promise an uplifting night of excellent music, performed to the highest standard.

December '63 (Oh What A Night), Beggin', Sherry, Walk Like A Man, Opus 17, Why Do Fools Fall in Love, and Grease are just some of the hits that are performed by this sensational band. New additions for 2017 include Northern Soul classic, 'The Night', and the Four Seasons version of the Beatles classic, 'We Can Work It Out'.

Audiences have loved their combination of precise harmony singing and slick original choreography, making this the perfect night out for fans of Frankie Valli and his music. This fabulous show is touring all over the United Kingdom in 2017 and 2018.

'Bye Bye Baby...' comes to the Marine Theatre on Thursday, December 14th at 7.30pm. Tickets are £19, available by calling 01297 442138 or online at www.marinetheatre.com.

■ Bye Bye Baby

Under Doctor's orders for Christmas

THE Rev. Dr Clive Thomas Jackson returns to Bridport this Saturday to just in time to start the Christmas celebrations!

The creator of the 1980's sensations Doctor and the Medics will be performing at the Electric Palace this Saturday (December 9th) in a fundraiser for next year's Jurassic Fields Music Festival 2018.

The band headlined the Jurassic Fields Music Festival last year with a sensational set, and such was their popularity that they are set to appear at next year's event.

Throughout their career they have always been recognised as a great live act, never more so than with the current line-up that delivers a unique and sensationally flamboyant show.

Their set will be packed full of Medic'd up 80's hits including the song for which they are best known for, their massive 1986 No 1 "Spirit in the Sky", which sold over 23 million copies worldwide and topped the charts in nineteen countries!

Those of you who were there on that balmy July night at Asker Meadows last year, will be able to relive their scintillating performance, whilst those of you who didn't need to get to the Electric Palace to see what you missed!

But that's not all.

Supporting them are Arcade Hearts, a fresh and bubbling quartet from Gosport.

Formed in March 2016 they have one objective in mind, which is to write a set list of songs that are great to play and exciting to listen to.

The Alternative-Indie-Pop band have already played at 02 Indigo in front of 2000 people and graced Victorious Festival with a blistering show, affirming the group to prove they can deliver in live situations.

Championed by the likes of BBC Introducing and Clash magazine, they are surely making a name for themselves as an energetic and hard working young band, gaining some truly supportive fans.

The Doctor was overwhelmed by the reception the band received last year, and is looking forward to prescribing the tonic needed to take you all into Christmas!

Tickets are now on sale and available from Bridport Electric Palace box office (Tue-Fri 11-5 Sat 10-2) or electricpalace.org.uk, or from Bridport TIC (01308 424901).

Tickets are £16.50 in advance or £20 on the door.

■ Doctor & The Medics at Jurassic Fields Festival

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Bridport gig ends Dhol Foundation's successful year

AFTER a hugely successful national tour with Afro Celt Sound System, The Dhol Foundation will be ending the year at Bridport Winter Solstice Festival with a Bollywood Night on Thursday, December 21st.

If you didn't catch them on their tour, now's your chance to see a band that is fast getting the reputation as one of the UK's most infectious, vibrant and dynamic world music acts.

It will be a return to Bridport Electric Palace for The Dhol Foundation. Johnny Kalsi and his band got everyone up on their feet at last year's inaugural festival. They'll be joined by The Bollywoodettes and Nachda Sansaar dancers, who'll be taking the audience through their paces with a free Bhangra dance lesson at the start of the evening.

There are few people as synonymous with their instrument as is Johnny Kalsi with the dhol – the Punjabi double-sided barrel drum that lends bhangra music its distinctive sound. He is well-known for his work with Afro Celt Sound System, The Imagined Village and numerous solo artists (Peter Gabriel, Khaled, Nusrat Fateh Ali Khan, Avril Lavigne to name a few), but it is with The Dhol Foundation that he lets loose his creative side.

Born in Leeds and raised in London as a Sikh, Johnny Kalsi has always filled his daily life with songs and music. At age seven he started to learn the tabla, progressing at fourteen to the dhol and joining a local bhangra band, Alaap. In the 1990s he was part of Fun-Da-Mental and Transglobal Underground before going on to work with Afro Celt Sound System and The Imagined Village.

Kalsi created The Dhol Foundation in 1990 as both a school for children to learn the instrument and as a touring and recording band – an ever-fluctuating group featuring as many as 30 drummers creating a wall of spellbinding noise. The group have released four albums and have performed on some of the world's biggest stages, including the Olympics Closing Ceremony in 2012, the Royal Variety Performance and the Queen's Diamond Jubilee celebrations.

Always engaging the audience with the full power and energetic performances, The Dhol Foundation are effervescent and wow the crowds with their dynamics, whirling arms and thunderous beats. Their musicality is formed from a rich tapestry of culture, passion and their love for world music.

Tickets are £13 in advance, or £12 each for group bookings of four or more. Tickets are available from Bridport Electric Palace box office or from the tourist information centre on 01308 424901. See electricpalace.org.uk for more information.

■ The Dhol Foundation

All aboard the Polar Express!

COMPLETE the magic this Christmas and climb aboard The Polar Express at Seaton Tramway! Don't miss your chance to travel with the Conductor and his Dancing Chefs to the 'North Pole' as you relive everyone's favourite Christmas Film. Indulge in in Hot Chocolate and Cookies along the way, sing and dance to festive songs, all whilst wearing your favourite pyjamas! Plus visit Santa and his workshop, mingle with his mischievous Elves and receive your first gift of Christmas! "Well ya comin'?... All aboard the Polar Express!

The Polar Express Tram Ride will be departing from December 8th to 10th, and December 15th to 24th , with departing times between 2pm-7.45pm on selected dates. Fares start from £21.95 each for Adults, £17.95 each for Children (3-15 years) and under three go free.

Booking fast so contact us at www.tram.co.uk or call Seaton Tramway 01297 20375.

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THE BIG SCREEN

This week's releases

STRONGER [15]
STRONGER is the inspiring real life story of Jeff Bauman, an ordinary man who captured the hearts of his city and the world to become a symbol of hope after surviving the 2013 Boston Marathon bombing.
Stars Jake Gyllenhaal, Tatiana Maslany and Miranda Richardson.

BRIGSBY BEAR [15]
BRIGSBY Bear Adventures is a children's TV show produced for an audience of one: James. When the show abruptly ends, James's life changes forever, and he sets out to finish the story himself.
Stars Kyle Mooney, Mark Hamill and Jane Adams.

THE DINNER [15]
Two sets of wealthy parents meet for dinner to decide what to do about a crime their sons have committed.
Stars Michael Chernus, Taylor Rae Almonte and Steve Coogan.

BETTER WATCH OUT [15]
ON A quiet suburban street, a babysitter must defend a twelve-year-old boy from intruders, only to discover it's far from a normal home invasion.
Stars Olivia DeJonge, Levi Miller and Ed Oxenbold.

Cinema Listings

(all listings subject to change)

Fri, Dec 8th to Thu, Dec 14th

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Daddy's Home 2 [12A]
Fri, Mon-Wed: 14.30, 17.00, 19.45
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Thu: 14.45, 17.30
Ferdinand [12A]
Sat & Sun: 12.45, 14.30
Film Stars Don't Die in Liverpool [15]
Fri, Mon, Tue: 12.15, 20.15
Sat & Sun: 18.15, 21.00
Wed: 20.15, Thu: 11.30, 20.00
Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle [12A]
Sat & Sun: 12.00, 15.00
Justice League [12A]
Fri-Wed: 20.00
Paddington 2 [PG]
Fri, Tue, Wed: 11.45, 14.30, 17.15
Sat & Sun: 10.00, 12.30, 15.15, 17.45
Mon: 10.30, 14.30, 17.15
Thu: 14.15, 17.00
Star Wars: The Last Jedi 2D [12A]
Thu: 10.15, 13.45, 17.15, 19.45, 20.45
The Man Who Invented Christmas [PG]
Fri, Mon-Wed: 12.00, 15.00, 17.45
Sat & Sun: 15.30, 17.15
Thu: 11.15, 16.45
The Star [PG]
Sat & Sun: 9.30, 12.00
Wonder [PG]
Fri, Mon, Tue: 11.30, 14.45, 17.30, 20.30
Sat & Sun: 9.45, 20.45
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Thu: 11.45, 14.00, 20.15

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Justice League [12A]
Fri-Mon, Wed: 20.45
Paddington 2 [PG]
Fri:-Mon, Wed: 12.45, 15.30, 18.15
Tue, Thu: 18.15
The Nut Job 2 [U]
Sat & Sun: 10.00am
Wonder [PG]
Daily: 12.20, 15.00, 17.40, 20.20

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ROH: The Nutcracker
Sat: 17.30
Daphne [12A]
Thu: 17.30

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A Bad Mom's Christmas [15]
Fri, Mon-Tue: 12.15, 15.50, 18.20, 20.50
Sun: 19.30, Wed: 12.15, 15.50, 19.30, Thu: 10.15am
Daddy's Home 2 [12A]
Fri, Mon-Wed: 13.00, 15.30, 18.00, 20.30
Sat & Sun: 12.10, 15.10, 18.00, 20.30
Thu: 10.00, 12.30, 15.00, 17.30, 20.00
Ferdinand 2D [U]
Sat & Sun: 11.40, 13.00, 14.10, 17.40
Ferdinand 3D [U]
Sat & Sun: 10.30, 15.30
Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle [12A] Fri: 20.30
Sat & Sun: 10.50, 13.50, 16.50, 19.50
Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle 3D [12A]
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Justice League in 2D [12A]
Fri, Mon-Wed: 13.45, 16.40, 19.40
Sat & Sun: 14.40, 16.40, 19.40
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Murder on the Orient Express [12A]
Fri, Mon-Wed: 12.00, 14.40, 17.20, 20.10, Sat & Sun: 20.10
Paddington 2 [PG]
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UNTIL WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 13TH

LYME REGIS: In perfect timing for holiday shopping, the Town Mill's Malthouse Gallery will be full of festive paintings, sculptures, photographs, drawings, pottery, textiles, jewellery and books by local artists who are members of Town Mill Arts in their annual Winter Art Fair. Open daily 10.30-4.30. Free admission. The Town Mill, Mill Lane, Lyme Regis DT7 3PU

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WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 6TH

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ROUSDON: Combpyne Rousdon Social Club, Annual Turkey Bingos, held at Peek Hall. Half time hot dogs and pasties, tea coffee and bar. Doors open 7pm eyes down at 8pm. any queries, call 01297 443235 Come and have some bingo fun!
BRIDPORT: Father Christmas will be coming to town, lead by Bridports first Illuminated Lantern Procession at Bridport Christmas Cheer. 5.30pm.
MARTINSTOWN: Chair-based exercise. Martinstown Village Hall. 11am. For more details call 01308 281882.

THURSDAY DECEMBER 7TH

BRIDPORT: Come and join our Community Coffee morning in St. Swithun's Church Hall, Allington DT6 5DX, where fresh coffee and homemade cakes are served free of charge. Make some new friends and enjoy yourself. The event takes place on the first Thursday of every month between 10.45am & 11.45am.
WOOTTON FITZPAINE: Artsreach present 'Brilliance' by Farnham Maltings at Wootton Fitzpaine Village Hall. Doors 7pm, performance from 7.30pm. Tickets £9, under 18s £7, from the self service box office at The Charmouth Practice Tel 01297 560948 for details. Bar and raffle. Proceeds to the hall.
DORCHESTER: Diabetes UK group Christmas get together in the Diabetes Centre, Bridport Road, DT1 2NQ, 7pm. The evening is open to all those living with diabetes where they can chat with others living with the condition, partake in soup, carols and a Christmas quiz.
BURTON BRADSTOCK: National Coastwatch Institution Lyme Bay Coffee Morning in the village hall, 10am-1pm. Coffee/tea, cakes and bacon butties to eat in or take away. A chance to win a fruit cake or a magnificent hamper. For more details call 07786 354403.

FRIDAY DECEMBER 8TH

MARTINSTOWN: Exercise to Music. Village Hall. 10am. For more details call 01308 281882.
WEST BAY, BRIDPORT: Exercise to Music. WI Hall, George Street. 3pm. For more details call 01308 281882.
LYME REGIS: Comedy: Naz Osmanoglu with Flo and Joan. £15. Book at www.marinetheatre.com or call 01297 442138.
BEAMINSTER: Christmas Fayre & Coffee Morning, St. Mary's Church, Beaminster, 10am - 12.30. £100 prize draw, cakes, books, Xmas cards, tombola, Xmas cake raffle, plants, jewellery.

SATURDAY DECEMBER 9TH

LODERS: Christmas Fair at Loders Village Hall, 3-5pm. All proceeds to the Loders School PTFA. Meet Santa in his sleigh! Stalls (including some traders), games, refreshments, mulled wine, hand made items, Grand Raffle and so much more.
LYME REGIS: Cinema: Frozen Sing-A-Long, 2pm. £2.50 on the door. Family dress up and sing-a-long Christmas special, 8pm
LYME REGIS: Music: Viva Santana, 8pm. £16/£14. Family dress up and sing-a-long Christmas special, 8pm
WEYMOUTH: Dorset Sinfonia presents 'A Night at the Opera' - a musical extravaganza of songs from the world of opera, 7.30pm at Weymouth Bay Methodist Church. Tickets £10 (children 16 and under free), available from Dorchester TIC and on the door.
BRIDPORT: Come-and-sing performance of Handel's Messiah at St Mary's Church. Raising money for the church roof appeal, and giving individuals the chance to experience singing in a large choir. Registration from 2.15pm, rehearsals from 3pm, directed by NES conductor Matt Kingston. Performance from 6pm. £10 to take part, to include light refreshments. Free admission, retiring collection. For more detaisl call 01308 425312 or visit www.thenewelizabethansingers.org.uk
BRIDPORT: Christmas Bingo at Bridport Women's Institute Hall, North Street. Doors 6.3pm, for eyes down 7.30pm. Great raffle prizes.

SUNDAY DECEMBER 10TH

LODERS: Beginners Ballroom/Latin Class Every Sunday 7pm at Loders Village Hall DT6 3SA
LODERS: Ballroom & Latin Social Dance evening every Sunday 8pm - 10:30pm Loders Village Hall DT6 3SA
BRIDPORT: Wessex Military Band, winter concert - Bridport Arts Centre 3pm. Tickets £9 & £7 concessions from the box office on 01308 424204.
LYME REGIS: Jazz in the Bar, £12/£10 (concs). Book at www.marinetheatre.com or call 01297 442138.
BRIDPORT: St. Swithun's Band Bridport are giving a Concert of Christmas music and Carols in St. Swithuns Church, Allington, at 3pm. Admission free with a retiring collection.
WEYMOUTH: Father Christmas will be making an early stop in Greenhill Gardens, The Esplanade at 3pm. So Children, please bring your Letters and come and Meet him. Also Musicians Lesley with Family and Friends will be providing the music for Christmas Singing around the Bandstand. Come and have a great start to your Festive Celebrations this year by watching the sea and singing round the Bandstand. Mince Pies and Winter Warmer drinks will be available. The event is outdoors and therefore weather dependent so wrap up warm!
SUTTON POYNTZ: Watkins & Swarbrick (extra gig) Mission Hall, 8pm. Essential to book seats: 01305 837299 Pay what you think the performance was worth at the end.
WEST BAY, BRIDPORT: An Evening of Songs and Carols at the George Hotel. 7pm for 7.30pm in support of RNLI. Seasonal food and a generous raffle will be held at half time.

MONDAY DECEMBER 11TH

BURTON BRADSTOCK: Biodanza at Othona. Dance like no one's watching, no steps to learn, no partner needed, uplifting world music and holistic health benefits. For all ages from 19 to 90. 7.15 for 7.30pm. Join us with teacher Julia Hope-Brightwell (Jewell). Cost £8. Othona Community, Coast Road, Burton Bradstock DT6 4RN. Contact Robin 01308 897 130 / biodanza-bridport.co.uk
WYKE REGIS: Beginners Ballroom/Latin Class Every Monday 8pm - 9:20pm Wyke Regis Memorial Hall DT4 9EX
BRIDPORT: Exercise to Music. WI Hall, North Street. 5.45pm. For more details call 01308 281882.
WEYMOUTH: Radipole and Southill Horticulturl Society will be holding its December meeting at the Southill Community Centre on 7.30pm. Local florist Mark Read will be presenting and demonstrating around the subject of "Christmas Flowers and Plants for the Home". Everyone is welcome and refreshments will be available.
BRIDPORT: Bridport Folk Dance Club meets at 7.30 - 9.30 pm in the WI Hall, North Street, for its weekly dose of dancing in a variety of genre as selected by the club caller - whether the more elegant Playford through to more recent dance compositions and American styles. No partner is needed and all are welcome regardless of experience - all dances will be talked and walked through and called throughout. Entry £3 for members (membership £3 per year) or £4 for visitors. Call 01308 423 442 for more details.

TUESDAY DECEMBER 12TH

BROADWINDSOR: Broadwindsor Jammers Guitar Club, Comrades Hall, Broadwindsor, 2pm - 5pm. Every 2nd Tuesday. Simply turn up with your acoustic guitar and music stand, if you have one, and enjoy a fun afternoon of playing popular songs from most genres using song sheets with chords provided. All ages and abilities welcome. The cost for the afternoon is only £3 which includes refreshments at half-time. For further information phone Geoff on 01308 867221 or email geoff381@hotmail.com
LYME REGIS: Lyme Regis Society talk entitled 'The Romans in West Dorset, what we can stil see' by Steve Wallis, Senior Archaeologist at Dorset Country Council. 2.30pm at Woodmead Halls. All welcome, members free, visitors £3. Includes light refreshments.

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Where to eat out in our area

Celebrate the season at the iconic Mariners Hotel and Restaurant

NESTLED in the heart of Lyme Regis, a short walk from the town centre, the Mariners Hotel is an iconic part of the town made famous by Beatrix Potter who was inspired to write, 'The Tale of Little Pig Robinson' while staying at the hotel when she was just 17. Many of her illustrations in the book are based on the spectacular scenery she encountered while visiting Lyme Regis and the neighbouring towns and regions.

The Hotel has an excellent bar and restaurant, open to the public all year round, now headed up by a new, extremely talented duo of chefs. Former hotel owner Nick Larby and Shaun Cassidy are the ones behind the stunning dishes now available and the talented chefs use only local produce from some of the finest local suppliers. The menu changes regularly, sometimes daily, depending on the season and is constantly evolving.

If you don't want the hassle of cooking Christmas lunch this year and, more importantly, want to save yourself from the washing up, then look no further than the Mariners Hotel, who still have some space for Christmas Day lunch. For £59.50 you will be treated to a 7 course meal, the menu for which can be seen to the right of this page.

COOKING UP A STORM | Chefs Shaun Cassidy (left) and Nick Larby

If you'd rather stay at home and cook for the family but are looking for a great night out on New Year's Eve, the Mariners Hotel are hosting a special Dinner & Dance evening. For just £55 per person the evening includes a beautiful six course dinner, followed by live music from 'All about the Disco'. The menu for the evening can be seen on the page opposite.

Aside from Christmas and New Year, the restaurant is open seven nights a week for evening meals from 6-8:30pm.

As well as the first-class restaurant, the bar is also open to non-residents, which now boasts a new gin menu, containing 11 different gins, including Conker Gin from Dorset and the award winning Salcombe Gin from Devon. The menu contains an elderflower & gin liqueur and a rhubarb & gin liqueur, which is fabulous as a cocktail with prosecco.

There's local beers, local cider and even local wine on the wine list, which contains 25-30 different bottles to choose from.

The Mariners Hotel is based on Silver Street and has free parking for visitors in its private car park. A visit is highly recommended!

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£59.50 per person

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Grilled Lobster and Lemon Sole
With Thermidor Sauce

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Roast Local Free Range Turkey
Served with Pigs in blankets, Apricot & Chestnut Stuffing, Duck Fat Roast Potatoes

Roasted Dorset Venison Loin
With Celeriac Dauphinoise Potatoes and a Morel Mushroom and Sloe Gin Sauce

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Topped with a Crispy Poached Egg

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West Country Cheese Selection
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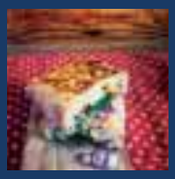
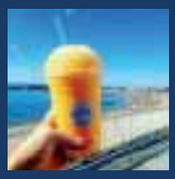

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The properties on offer were centred on the Beaminster area and included Hillview in Fleet Street, a 2 bedroom bungalow, which sold for £220,000 (25% above guide) and Fore Place in Broadwindsor, a 5 bedroom house with shop, selling for £168,000.

The most interest, however, was reserved for Stoke Knapp Farm, Stoke Abbott offered in six lots and on the market for the first time in 119 years. The stone period farmhouse was in need of complete renovation with a courtyard of traditional and modern buildings.. The surrounding farmland extending to about 130.39 acres (52.77ha) has superb panoramic views and includes the wonderfully atmospheric Waddon Roman Hill Fort located in one of the highest parts of Dorset, 213 ft.

At 2pm a packed Guildhall was almost mesmerised as the bidding got underway. You could hear a pin drop as the first lot sold for £1,520,000, 90% above the guide and this set the tone for the auction with all lots comfortably exceeding the guides by between 32 and 900%.

With fierce bidding between local buyers the guide for the whole farm of £1,070,000 was smashed with a record breaking sales price for Symonds & Sampson of £2,007,000.

Ross Willmington, a partner at Symonds & Sampson, said, rather understatedly, that the sale price had been "surprising". He added: "There was considerable interest in the lots and determined bidding with telephone bidders from London and the south east vying against those in the room."

Symonds & Sampson's Devon spring property auction will be held on Thursday 12th April 2018, with entries closing at the end of January 2018. For advice, contact Ross Willmington on 01297 33122.

▲ Stoke Knapp Farm

▲ View from Waddon Hill

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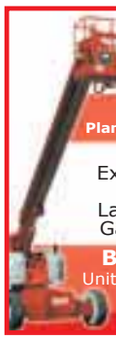

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The Grandland X already offers a selection of ultra-modern assistance and comfort features regardless of trim. OnStar, Dual Zone Climate Control, Lane Departure Warning and Rear Parking Sensors are just some highlights available across the range.

Sitting on 19-inch BiColour alloys, the new Ultimate Grandland X adds to this impressive list of features with kit including Automatic Cruise Control and a Denon premium sound system. Also standard are black roof and door mirrors, alloy sports pedals, heated steering wheel, heated rear outer seats, 360-degree Panoramic Camera and Premium LED Adaptive Forward Lighting Pack with projector headlights. Few SUVs in this class are as well-equipped.

New 2.0-litre Turbo Diesel (177PS) Engine

The Grandland X Ultimate also introduces Vauxhall's new top-of-the-range 2.0-litre diesel engine, allied with an eight-speed automatic gearbox. The new diesel engine is refined and powerful, delivering 177PS at 3,750rpm and 400Nm of torque at 2,000rpm to give effortless acceleration. This helps it achieve 0-60mph in 8.6 seconds and a top speed of 133mph.

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All three share outstanding safety features and a flexible internal configuration, enabling customers to create up to 1,500 internal customisations. The 500 style is even more obvious in this updated version, on which 40% of all components are new. The Fiat 500L combines all the style and excitement of the Fiat 500 with the spaciousness and functionality of an MPV.

Design: Even more 500

The new Fiat 500L is designed to reinforce the family feeling of the model. The exterior style expresses all the distinctive elements which have characterised the model throughout its history, ever since its iconic 1950s forerunner. The most obvious visual links are the "moustache and badge" combo set on the trapezoidal nose, the upper headlights with chrome-plated elements and the lower cluster, now with LED daytime running lights, which pick up the graphics of the two "zeros" in 500. These elements ensure that this new car is clearly identifiable as a Fiat 500L, even in the dark.

The new Fiat 500L is available in ten pastel or metallic colours and with three types of roof: body-coloured, glossy black or white or matt black, giving customers a choice of no less than 36 colour combinations. The colours available are the new Bellagio Blue, Sicilian Orange and Donatello Bronze, Bossa Nova White, Hip Hop Yellow, Darkwave Black, Minimal Grey, Heavy Metal Grey, Beatbox Green and Pasodoble Red.

Specification: Three identities: Cross, Urban and Wagon

The new Fiat 500L is available with three distinctive personalities: Urban, Cross and Wagon. The more adventurous character of the Fiat 500L is represented by the Cross version. The new Fiat 500L Cross has a one-of-a-kind crossover look with new bumpers and skid plate, new two-colour diamond-finish 17-inch alloy wheels and a bold grille to give it a sporty appearance. It has crossover substance, as well as looks, with ground clearance raised by 25mm, new Uconnect™ HD Live 7-inch touchscreen and the new Mode Selector; with a choice of Normal, Traction+ and Gravity Control.

Normal is the default function and provides a comfortable, safe ride in ordinary conditions. Traction+, which can be activated at speeds of less than 18mph, helps the car to start on slippery surfaces and provides optimal torque distribution across the front axle, braking the wheel with less grip on the ground and transferring torque to the one with more grip. Gravity Control keeps the speed constant when descending steep slopes, and can be enabled when the Traction+ function is active. The new Fiat 500L Cross is 4.28m long with a wheelbase of 2.61m. It is 1.80m wide and 1.68m high.

The metropolitan soul of the Fiat 500L finds expression in the Urban version, available in Pop Star and Lounge trim levels. In Pop Star trim, also available in the new Bellagio Blue colour, the new Fiat 500L Urban come complete with ABS, ESP, 6 airbags, air conditioning, cruise control, multifunction Technoleather steering wheel, electrically adjustable & heated door mirrors, 3.5-inch colour TFT display, 5-inch Uconnect™ radio with Bluetooth, voice control, USB port and Aux-in, rear seat with 60/40 split, LED daytime running lights and 16-inch alloy wheels.

In the more luxurious Lounge trim, it features upgraded seat upholstery, a dashboard fascia finished with technical fabric, dual zone climate control, fixed glass roof, chromed inserts, fog lights, Uconnect™ HD Live 7-inch touchscreen with Bluetooth, voice control, DAB radio, 2 USB ports and Aux-in, rain and dusk sensors, rear parking sensors and Cargo Magic Space height-adjustable load platform. The Fiat 500L Urban measures 4.24m in length, has a wheelbase of 2.61m, is 1.78m wide and 1.66m high.

The Wagon, available in a seven seat configuration, is the ideal solution for combining spaciousness and versatility with the distinctive 500 style. Available in Pop Star or Lounge trim, the new Fiat 500L Wagon is the most compact seven-seater on the market at 4.38m long.

The new Fiat 500L will be priced from £16,195 OTR for a Fiat 500L 1.4 95hp Pop Star.

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current tables

D&E Div 1 (24)	Pld	GD	Pts
Exeter Univ Res	11	20	25
Lyme Regis	11	6	20
Colyton	7	22	19
Lapford	10	10	19
Cullompton Res	11	15	18
Sidmouth Res	7	7	13
Chagford	10	1	13
Chard Town Res	9	-12	12
Perry Street	7	8	11
Heavitree Res	8	-7	11
Bickleigh	9	-12	9
Wellington Res	11	-30	4
Alphington Res	11	-28	3

D&E Div 5 (26)	Pld	GD	Pts
Lyme Regis Res	10	14	22
Halwill Res	10	8	22
Black Swan Town	8	28	19
Millwey Rise	8	18	16
Ilminster Res	13	-2	16*
Elmore Res	5	18	15
Culm Utd	11	9	15
Hemyock	10	7	15
Central FC	9	13	14
Exwick Village	8	9	13
Awliscombe	10	-10	10
Westexe Park	10	-15	7
Dunkeswell Rov	9	-28	6
Offwell Rangers	11	-69	-1*

Dorset Sen (24)	Pld	GD	Pts
Chickerell Utd	10	28	27
Corfe Castle	10	13	23
Westlands Sp Res	9	16	21
Witchampton Utd	9	7	16
Broadstone	9	4	15
BEAMINSTER	9	2	13
Corfe Mullen Utd	9	-2	11
Poole Borough	11	-9	10
Cranborne	10	-20	10
Portland Utd Res	7	2	9
Allendale	11	-17	9
Dorch Sports Res	8	-9	5
Wincanton Res	8	-15	3

PSDL Prem (20)	Pld	GD	Pts
South Petherton	7	13	18
Barrington	7	29	19
South Petherton	8	13	19
Merriott Rovers	6	15	18
W & M Chinnock	8	9	14
Chard Utd	8	9	13
Winsham Utd	9	3	13
Shepton Beau	9	10	12
Misterton	6	-1	9
Netherbury	8	-25	6
Pymore	6	-22	0
Combe Res	9	-40	0

P Street D1 (18)	Pld	GD	Pts
Halstock	7	35	19
Ilminster Colts	8	5	16
Hawkchurch Utd	7	8	13
Farway Utd	6	7	11
Waytown Hounds	6	2	10
Forton Rangers	4	-2	9
Uplyme	5	-3	7
Shepton Beau Res	7	-13	4
Perry Street Res	8	-16	4
Chard Rangers	8	-23	1

Perry St D2 (20)	Pld	Gd	Pts
Thorncombe	9	22	23
Forton Res	9	15	19
Charmouth	7	9	16
Misterton Res	6	10	13
Dowlish & Don	9	1	13
Crewkerne Rang	5	7	11
Chard Utd Res	8	-7	8
Kingsbury	9	-2	7
Combe A	8	-23	7
S.Petherton Res	8	-8	3
Winsham Utd Res	8	-24	3

Perry St D3 (18)	Pld	GD	Pts
Ilminster Town A	10	29	27
Donyatt Utd	11	23	26
Merriott Dynamos	6	7	15
Farway Utd Res	9	-2	13
Crew Rang Res	8	-2	12
Lyme Rovers	7	10	10
Netherbury Res	9	8	10
Thorncombe Res	10	-19	10
Chard Rang Res	9	-26	6
Chard Utd AS	9	-28	0

West Dorset Football round-up

WITH HOWARD LARCOMBE

Waytown flying flag in county cups

Blue day for Lyme ◆ Ambers hold leaders ◆ Win for Rainbows

DORSET SENIOR TROPHY
PORTLAND UNITED RES 2 LYME REGIS 0
Round Two

LYME Regis paid the penalty for failing to take some decent chances, particularly in the seocnd half, as they were knocked out of the Dorset Senior Trophy at Grove Corner.

The Seasiders came into the game missing half a dozen regulars and with Sam Day and Cody Bowditch both not fully fit.

They fell behind in the sixth minute when Shane Evans guided a low cross past keeper Chris Higgs at the near post.

But they eventually settled on the immaculate wide pitch and skipper Ben Turner had a sight of goal but his left footed shot was scuffed and keeper Ash Weeks saved easily.

Then Julien Simier volleyed wide from 20 yards before Gary Knight put in a superb last ditch tackle at the other end.

But Lyme were carved open in the 32nd minute and Josh Camp rounded off a slick move with a fine finish to put the Blues 2-0 up.

This prompted a change in formation for the visitors who reverted from a 3-5-2 to 4-3-3 in attempt to get back into the game.

More tinkering was necessary when Bowditch was forced off at half time due to a recurrence of his shine splints which have plagued his season so far.

The second period saw the hosts, happy with their two-goal lead, sit deep and the Seasiders enjoyed the territorial advantage in a much improved performance.

Mark Bailey was pushed further up the field and worked overtime trying to pick holes in the Blues' back line.

They had a strong a shout for a penalty dismissed by the referee in the 50th minute when Turner appeared to have his shot blocked by a defender's arm.

Chris Herbst then slashed a shot over the angle with team mates closing in to support and home defence at sixes and sevens.

Moments later Fred Parsons' low cross fizzed through the six yard box and was begging to be tucked away, while Simier had two good chances saved by Weeks including a neat flick header tipped away at full stretch.

On their first half showing Portland deserved their win, but Lyme certainly showed they can compete at this level and, with some better finishing, could well have have got a result.

Bailey, and defenders Kingsley Wellman and Knight, were Lyme's top performers.

***Lyme Regis**: Chris Higgs, Sam Day (Alex Rowe 55), Gary Knight, Kingsley Wellman, Mark Bailey, Fred Parsons, Cody Bowditch (Luke Clifton 46), Rob Fellingham, Ben Turner (Capt), Chris Herbst (Jonny Day 78), Julien Simier.*

DORSET JUNIOR CUP – R2
BRIDPORT 3RDS 1 WAYTOWN HOUNDS 2

BRIDPORT 3rds' 100 per cent record this season was ended 2-1 by neighbours Waytown Hounds who were fresh from reaching the Division One cup final last weekend.

■ **STAR MAN:** John Kingstone was Hounds' MoM

Four of that team were missing through injury, but the Hounds still squeezed through.

They had an early goal ruled out when the ball was deemed to have run out of play, and then fell behind as the Bees took the lead through Callan Lowden from a corner with Waytown keeper Lee Cuff claiming he had been fouled.

Undeterred, Robbie Watts squared things up before half time. And it was Watts, who had been switched to a central midfield by manager Joe Carter and had a fine game, who scored the all-important winner.

John Kingston was named Man-of-the-Match by the Bridport match sponsor *Fowlers Trading Estates*, "He put in some fine tackles and showed plenty of drive and spirit," said Carter.

CHARMOUTH 2 PIMPERNE SPORTS 3

CHARMOUTH were knocked out by a depleted Pimperne Sports Society who turned up at Barrs Lane with the bare 11 and no linesman.

It was the second week in a row that the Robins had had to endure extra time with Liam Aldworth and Matt Pile on target as normal time ended with the score standing at 2-2.

Last season's runners-up HALSTOCK were the day's top scorers as they hammered hosts Handley Sports 10-0. Mark Cawley and Mark Whitmarsh both scored hat tricks while Chris Tanner scored two and there were singles from Ben Brister and Steve Martin.

Unbeaten THORNCOMBE continued their fine season with a 6-1 hammering of hosts AFC Blandford Reserves. Alex Clist (2), Liam Male (2), Lee Fisher and Dave Hardie waded in with the goals.

***Quarter finalists**; Waytown Hounds, Halstock, Thorncombe, Gill Dons, FC Barolo, Wool Utd Reserves, Verwood All Stars, Pimperne Sports.*

DEVON & EXETER LEAGUE
Division One results;

Alphington Reserves 1 Lapford 2
Bickleigh 2 Chard Town Reserves 6
Cullompton RangersRes 0 Perry Street 0
Exeter University Res 6 Wellington Res 0

Division Five

Lyme Regis Reserves P-P Culm Utd
Davey Fort Ground waterlogged.

Division Five results

Dunkeswell Rovers 0 Halwill Reserves 4
Exwick Village 10 Offwell Rangers 0
Ilminster Town Reserves 2 Central FC 1
Westexe Park Rangers 3 Awliscombe Utd 7

DORSET LEAGUE
BEAMINSTER 3 BROADSTONE 2

THESE two teams met for the second time in seven days with the same outcome - a 3-2 win for the home team.

Gary Bulman, Josh Baker and top scorer Tristan Gale scored the goals which see Beaminster, who led 2-0 at half time and then 3-1, sat in sixth place ahead of next Saturday's visit by bottom-of-the-table Wincanton Town Reserves.

Aaron Dodd scored both of the Broadstone consolations.

Senior Division scores;

Allendale 2 Wincanton Reserves 1
Corfe Mullen Utd 1 Corfe Castle 1
Cranborne 2 Poole Borough 1

PERRY STREET LEAGUE
PREMIER DIVISION
NETHERBURY 0 BARRINGTON 9

UNBEATEN Barrington brushed aside the challenge of hosts Netherbury who had seven teenagers in their line-up.

The Yellow Hammers got off to a lightning start and were 5-0 in front after just 17 minutes.

Scott Jennings scored his first goal for the club to start off the goal parade and was soon followed by strikes from Carl Lazenby, Andy Whitefield, Simon Cherry, two own goals and a second half hat trick from sub Alex McGown.

"Two own goals, and three penalties conceded - it was a bad day," said Ambers' boss James Sayers,

DIVISION ONE
HAWKCHURCH UTD 4 UPLYME 3

HAWKCHURCH United took their tally to 18 goals in three games with a a 4-3 win over Uplyme in the East Devon derby.

After falling behind to a goal from former Uplyme striker Jake Bearpark, available as the Lyme Regis Reserves game was off, Uplyme equalised when Lorcan Hankin and Wes Holmes both flicked the ball on from a throw-in and Frank Harris slotted home.

They took the lead early in the second half when Alex Jones' shot came back off the post and struck visiting keeper James Mitcham in the ball before crossing the line.

But the Hawks got their noses back in front at 3-2 with goals from Brad Pearse, Jack Larcombe – a fine free kick - before sub Mark Warren chipped home number four.

Jamie Pullinger grabbed a late third for Uplyme.

"We need to learn how to defend a lead, but there plenty of positives to take away, especially as we were missing some key players," said Uplyme boss Stuart Wooster.

DIVISION THREE
DONYATT UTD 1 NETHERBURY RES 1

■ **ON TARGET:** Uplyme's Frank Harris

NETHERBURY Reserves recorded one of the weekend's top results as they halted the Donyatt goal machine that had plundered six goals in each of their last four matches.

Alex Goodrick gave the Ambers a surprise early lead but the hosts squared things up on the half hour through Louis Roper.

Steve Coombes and Chrlie Morgan were the stars for Netherbury who are now unbeaten in four.

LYME REGIS ROVERS 6 FARWAY RES 3

LYME Regis Rovers flew out of the blocks to bring an end to a mini-slump and jump two places to sixth in the Division Three table.

The Seasiders were two up before the visitors knew what had hit them.

Mark Batey fired Lyme in front and a scorching free kick from Ryan Turner made it 2-0 before the Devonians pulled one back through Ben Fullick.

Top scorer Pete Peacock made it 3-1 and Batey nodded home a free kick to create a three goal cushion at half time.

Farway struck back early in the second half through Paul Salmon only for MoM Craig Coles to bundle home his first goal for Lyme.

Back came the visitors to make it 5-3 courtesy of Jacob Ambrose before sub Scott Meyers rounded things off with a fine shot from the edge of the area for another first goal in a Seasider shirt.

FIXTURES – Saturday, December 9th (all 2pm unless stated)

CHALLENGE CUP R1
Pymore v South Petherton

TOMMY TABBERER CUP - Round One
Chard Utd Res v Winsham Utd Reserves
Kingsbury Episcopi v Dowlish & Donyatt
South Petherton Res v Misterton Reserves

PREMIER
Combe Reserves v Barrington
Merriott Rovers v Chard Utd
Misterton v Netherbury
Winsham Utd v W & M Chinnock
DIVISION ONE
Chard Rangers v Ilminster Colts
Halstock v Hawkchurch Utd
Perry Street Res v Uplyme
Shepton Beau Res v Farway Utd
Waytown Hounds v Forton Rangers
DIVISION TWO
Charmouth v Forton Rangers Reserves
Combe St Nicholas A v Crewkerne Rangers
DIVISION THREE
Crewkerne Rangers Res v Netherbury Res
Farway Utd Reserves v Donyatt Utd
Ilminster Town A v Chard Rangers Reserves
Lyme Regis Rovers v Chard Utd All Stars
Thorncombe Reserves v Merriott Dynamos

■ **LONG WAY BACK:** Josh Camp (blue shirt) fires Portland United Reserves 2-0 in front in Saturday's Dorset Senior trophy last 16 tie against Lyme Regis at New Grove Corner.
Photo by HOWARD LARCOMBE

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Lyme skittles

RESULTS (w/e: December 2nd);

Ladies
Rollercoasters 282 Hot Gossips 287 (+BL), Generations 312 (+BL) Wootton Wobblers 320, Smashers 311 (+BL) Skittso's 313.
High scores this week: *J Dale 62; P Wellman 62; T Chapman 61; G Caddy 60.*

Men's
President's Men 333 (+BL) British Legion 353, Clueless 327 Miscellaneous 337 (+BL), Young Guns 353 (+BL) Flyers 364, Marksmen 340 No Hopers 344 (+BL), Rousdon Rebels 365 Shakers 372 (+BL), Tornadoes 319 Alleytwits 308 (+BL), Trappers 340 (+BL) Roadrunners 338.
High scores this week: *M Whatmore 79; D Street 72; J Hunt 67; T Tozer 67.*

Mens' Div One	Pld	Pts	BL
No Hopers	6	12	6
Flyers	7	10	8
Wreckers	6	7	4
Young Guns	6	6	8
Roadrunners	5	5	2
Marksmen	6	4	8
Trappers	6	4	6
Clueless	6	2	6
Miscellaneous	4	2	4

Mens' Div Two	Pld	Pts	BL
Alleytwits	6	8	10
British Legion	6	8	10
Anthill Mob	5	8	2
Rousdon Rebels	6	6	4
Shakers	5	4	4
Tornadoes	6	4	4
President's Men	6	2	6

Ladies	Pld	Pts	BL
Hot Gossips	5	9	5
Wootoon Wobb	4	6	4
La Crème	4	5	6
Rollercoasters	5	4	4
Smashers	4	2	6
Skittso's	4	2	3
Generations	4	2	2

Lyme Regis Darts

Current table	Pld	Pts
Rousdon Club	6	12
Nags Z	6	11
Hunters Lodge	6	6
Royal Standard	6	6
Half an Octopus	5	3
Talbot Arms	4	2
Four Play	5	2
Sticky Bandits	6	2

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West Dorset Hockey

Points shared after ding-dong battle

West Dorset Hawks 3
OPM 3
Southern Two

DESPITE having only lost one home game this season, West Dorset Hawks were wary of their visitors OPM (Old Plymothian & Mannamedian) who were narrowly relegated from Southern 1 last season.

Hawks, with Matt Stone replacing the unavailable Alex Davies up front, had good early possession with Dan Wyatt and Rick Steele dominating their opposite numbers in midfield.

But OPM took the lead when keeper Tom Lowe, vision obscured, decided to play the ball from a shot from outside the D but only cleared it into the path of the centre forward who scored with his first touch of the game.

West Dorset continued to attack and were rewarded with a penalty corner late in the first half.

Wyatt stepped up and let rip a shot that was saved by the toes the OPM keeper and rebounded straight back to Wyatt whose follow up was blocked by the foot of a defender resulting in a penalty stroke being awarded.

Julian May stepped up and sent the keeper sprawling helplessly the wrong way to equalise.

Moments later, almost still celebrating their equalizer, a momentary lapse of concentration allowed the OPM striker to smash the ball home to retake the lead.

As last week Hawks knew they could turn things around, and straight after the restart they caught their visitors napping when May's pinpoint pass found Russell Coombes who drove into the D before being scythed down which resulted another short corner, which Wyatt clinically converted.

A stunned OPM lost control of the game and were pinned in their own half, and when sweeper Jim Bowditch moved forward to send a long ball across the goal to Stone who dived with outstretched stick to slot home the cross.

Credit to OPM who threw the kitchen sink at West Dorset for the rest of the half. They were rewarded when Charlie Davies, having made a string of incredible goal saving tackles, saw the last one deflect into the path of the OPM striker, who finished from a tight angle to level the game.

Umpires: Dave Foot and Rob Sinclair.

Southern 2	Pld	GD	Pts
Sidmouth & Ottery	10	24	26
PGSOB A	10	26	21
Bude	10	16	16
Camborne SoM	10	9	15*
Plymouth Uni A	10	4	15*
Caradon	10	1	15
OPM	10	-7	15
WEST DORSET	10	-10	13
Isca C	10	4	12
Plymouth Marjon C	10	-11	10
Tavistock A	10	-27	4
Sidmth & Ottery A	10	-29	3

Dismal day for 10-man hawks
Yeovil & Sherbourne B 1
West Dorset A 0

WEST Dorset A travelled to bottom of the table Yeovil & Sherborne B side, hoping for something to cement their mid table status despite being a player short.

But unfortunately the extra man took its toll and defeat dragged the luckless Hawks into the relegation mix.

The Hawks had their fair share of possession throughout the game, but just couldn't capitalise, which was exacerbated with no recognised striker in the team.

They enjoyed plenty of ball in the middle, with Will Maltby and Ollie Bareham having exceptional games.

Goalless at half time, the Hawks felt they could get something out of the game, but as time went on the extra man counted and the hosts went ahead with 15mins to go after defender Bruce Maltby failed to clear a loose ball.

Despite a spirited performance until full time, the Hawks could still be playing now and still not score. It was one of those days.

South East 2	Pld	GD	Pts
Chard A	10	23	25
East Devon C	10	27	21
ECV Hornets B	10	18	20
Chard B	10	8	20
Taunton CS A	10	12	19
Bridgwater C	10	12	16
Sidmth & Ottery B	10	4	16
WEST DORSET A	10	-9	10
Minehead A	10	-24	10
Taunton Vale D	10	-10	7
Yeovil & Sherb B	10	-22	6
Sidmth & Ottery C	10	-39	4

Tee-off - golf news

Miners' 66 digs out December Medal victory

LYME REGIS *with Richard Jackman*

WITH brilliant cooperation from the contractor, greenstaff and members of the club, progress on the new bunkers has been incredible so, in the last qualifier of the year, the men's TURKEY TROT Division One ended with three players on 38 points and all of them went out in 20 and came back in 18.

On a tight countback, two handicapper Ian Mudford took gold, helping himself to two good birdies as he went round in level par.

Roger Turner put together a solid, steady round to finish second,and, but for a small slip up on 17, Ted Scott could have improved on his 3rd place after a good performance.

Undoubtedly though the star of the day was top scorer and winner of Division Two with 42 points was David Binns who, having helped himself to a birdie four points on the fifth, charged on with half a dozen three-pointer holes in his back nine score of 22 points.

The ever-improving Alan Brown took second place with an enthusiastic performance after a shaky start in his 40 points, just one ahead of Geoff Filtness in 3rd.

The Ladies played a BOWMAKER and Cyndy Mudford played a keen anchor role as this year' s star performer Amy Mudford and tomorrow's star in waiting, Sarah Kilcoyne, chipped in to ensure an exceptional 82 points to take top spot.

A good all round performance from the excellent team of Jane Dixon, Judith Williams & Di Harris secured a worthy second place with 73 points.

BRIDPORT *with Peter Crowter*

THE Sunday competition was the DECEMBER MEDAL.

Forty-six men took the field on a cold and cloudy morning but with little wind. Judging by the scores, conditions were good for golf and seven players came in with nett scores in the 60s.

Doug Miners carded the lowest score of the day winning Division Two with a nett 66.

The best gross score of the day was produced by David Woodroffe who topped Division One with 75-7=68 which included 11 pars and two birdies. Gavin Gay was runner-up with a nett 70.

In Division Three there were four scores in the 60s and, after countback with Robert Smith, Steve Battrick came out on top with a nett 67.

Results

Division One: 1st Dave Woodroffe 75-7=68, 2nd Gavin Gay 78-8=70, 3rd (acb) Mike Savage 78-7=71.

Division Two: 1st Doug Miners 79-13=66, 2nd Martin Drennan 83-14=69, 3rd Roger Galpin 88-17=71.

Division Three: 1st (acb) Steve Battrick 95-28=67, 2nd Robert Smith 87-20=67, 3rd (acb) Robin Ormsby 88-19=69.

Thursday's competition for the veterans was a 4BBB Stableford with 24 teams competing on a cold and fine morning.

There were some good scores and 14 teams carding scores in the 40s.

The top two both came in with 45 points and, after count-back, Tony Burt (13) & Bob Dennis (21) took the top spot with Malcolm Peach (20) & Terry Garrett (28) being nudged into the runner-up position.

One point behind, the next two teams both scored 44 and this time, after count-back, third place went to Roger Pollock (21) & Howard Bonfield (16) with Dougie Howells (20) & Ray Southcombe (15) placed fourth.

Ladies' Section *by Lyn Jessop*

THERE was a prize for all six who played in Saturday's Bring & Win competition. Sally Woolmington was top with 26 points.

On Tuesday Nicky Stone topped the 16-player leader board with an excellent 32 points with Pat Baldwin second with 29.

Horse racing

Tapes up at Taunton

TAUNTON Racecourse host the Dave Criddle Travel Festive Race Day on Thursday, December 14th with the first of seven races, boasting a massive prize pot of £66k, due off at 12.30pm.

There is a feast for racegoers on offer with two Class 3 events and two three mile races so another great day's action looks to be in store.

If that wasn't enough there is something for everybody to help get into the festive spirit.. Mulled wine and mince pies will be on offer, along with a wide variety of seasonal trade stands, as well as being entertained by musicians from King's College playing and singing Christmas Carols.

First up is the King's College Taunton Novices' Hurdle Race over two miles and half a furlong which is followed at 1.05pm by the Ivor Brimblecombe Memorial Novices' Hurdle over three miles.

The Dave Criddle and Wendy Wu Tours Handicap Hurdle Race over two miles and half a furlong follows half an hour later.

The first of the two races over the fences is next when the Dave Criddle Travel and Bristol Airport Steeple Chase (A novices' limited handicap) over two miles seven furlongs goes to post at 2.10pm.

The Dave Criddle Travel and Thomas Cook Holidays Handicap Hurdle Race (Class 3) over two miles three furlongs, with a prize fund of £12k, is the next onto the course at 2.45pm.

The most valuable race of the day is The Stables Business Park Handicap Steeple Chase (Class 3) following half an hour later over two miles two furlongs which has a whopping £14,000 on offer.

The afternoon concludes at 3.50pm with The Somerset County Gazette Handicap Hurdle over three miles.

A courtesy coach departs from Taunton railway Station two hours before the start of racing, returning from the course 30 minutes after the start of the last.

Punters are reminded that they can take advantage of up to 20% discount available for tickets purchased in advance on-line at www.tauntonracecourse.co.uk up to 10am on the day prior to racing.

Here's to next season!

■ **GREAT FUN: Weymouth Rowing club recently held their end of season party at the Weymouth Sailing club. An inter-club event followed on the next morning where members from all sections of the club raced in the winter sunshine in Weymouth bay. The straight-line course was a good introduction to racing for new members and allowed squad, improvers, youth and normally non-competitive rowers to row together in timed races. The winning crews from each heat were awarded a prize and the overall winners with a racing time of 7.33min, were awarded the inter-club trophy. More inter-club events are planned in the New Year. *Photo by JESS CLEMMENS***

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Darts

BRIDPORT

Division One	Pld	Pts
Rob's Robbers	9	17
BSC	9	14
Hands of Time	8	14
Well Hung Clocks	9	13
Nomads	9	12
4 Drunks & A Driver	9	9
Respect-de-Bull	9	7
Five Sticky Fingers	9	6
Nags Head A	8	6
One for the Vikings	9	5
Young Darters	9	3
Les Miserables	9	0

180s; L.Cox, A.Parker & S.Harvey all x& 4, M.Barnett, S.Alner, G.Knight `& J.Vickery all x3, nine players x2.

Division Two	Pld	Pts
Elders	9	18
Rubber Johns	9	16
Odds or Us	9	15
Dart Vaders	9	10
Poachers	9	9
Mis Fits	9	9
No Direction	9	8
Otter Rotters	9	7
The Surgeons	9	7
Anchor Five	9	5
Wicked Team Name	9	3
No Chance	9	1

180s; C.Higgs x4, F.Jones x3, D.Sorrell x2, P.Moye, S.Adams, R.Moye, & T.Symonds all x1.

Division Three	Pld	Pts
Anchor Vale Viewers	8	13
Whamo	8	12
Stumpies Stallions	9	12
Dat Team	8	11
Midnight Runners	8	9
Time Bombs	7	9
The Shoplifters	8	7
On me Tab	8	5
Odds & Sods	8	4
Dodgers	7	3
Ben's Followers	7	1

180s; P.Gumbrill, C.Eaton & T.Stickley all x 1.

Ladies Div One	Pld	Pts
Anchor Aces	10	19
Arrows Awry	10	19
Queens Bees	10	17
Queenies OTC	10	14
Castaways	10	13
Sue's Rebels	10	11
Lil's Hopefuls	11	8
Diamonds ITR	10	8
Against the Odds	10	8
Good Mates	11	4
Charlie's Angels	9	4
Tiger Stripes	9	3
Double Trouble	10	2

Most wins; Janet Collins, Jackie Hoskins, Sally James, Elaine Knight & Heather Scadding all x9, four players all x8.

Bridport FC

WITH STUART BROOM

Annetts: Scoreline doesn't reflect game

Westland Sports 6
Bridport Reserves 0
Dorset Premier Division

MANAGER Shaun Annetts was adamant the scoreline at Alvington Lane did not reflect the game and that 2-0 would have been a much fairer assessment.

The Bees, who included two first team squad members looking for game time, could have been two up themselves inside the first 10 minutes, and were the better team in the first half despite trailing by two goals.

A frustrated Annetts said: "We played really well and could have been two up early on and were undoubtedly the better team in the first half, and I think they would admit to that."

However, it was the hosts that took the lead on 15 minutes when a superb diagonal ball found Josh Payne whose late run was perfectly timed, to head powerfully past Mark Tozer, deputising for the unavailable Billy Fleet.

Then, just before half time, Henry Lawrence-Napier added a second when he bundled the ball home as Tozer tried to control a cross.

"Having created a lot more chances than Westlands and played so well we didn't really deserve to be behind at the interval," said Annetts.

Unfortunately Tozer injured his shoulder early in the second half and, with no recognised deputy, manfully carried on.

However, the injury restricted his movement, particularly in dealing with high balls, resulting in headed goals for Lawrence-Napier and captain Jamie Green to double Westlands advantage.

Unable to continue, Tozer was replaced by substitute Chris Radivojsa who unfortunately scuffed a back pass allowing Szymon Matuszewski to cash in for a fifth before being given no chance with a worldy 25-yard effort from Dwayne Forshaw to complete the rout.

"The score wasn't a fair reflection by any stretch of the imagination and flattered them.

"They [Westlands] are a decent side, but we looked good with the ball and, unlike last week, without the ball looked better.

"All the lads played very well and 2-0 would have been a fair score."

Hounds hunt down Bees

Bridport Thirds 1
Waytown Hounds 2

Dorset Junior Cup Round Two

EXPERIENCE finally won the day in this Dorset Junior Cup 2nd round local derby that saw the young Bridport Thirds take a first half lead before Hounds equalised on the cusp of half time before winning it in the second half.

Waytown, fresh from their Division One Cup semi-final win over league leaders and cup favourites Halstock the previous Saturday, eventually proved too strong for unbeaten Bridport who had won every match so far this season.

It was a younger side than normal with several Bridport players cup tied and unavailable, but they started well and took the lead in a good physical battle on 15 minutes with a good strike for Callan Lowden.

This fired Bridport and as they looked for second were thwarted with a shot that struck the post, but then Hounds were disallowed a goal following a corner after the ref decided the initial ball had gone out of play.

However, they equalised a minute before the break when a long kick from keeper Lee Cuff was played through for Robbie Watts to run on to and neatly convert with an angled shot across keeper Jordon Scadding.

The second half saw both teams come close with the experienced Cuff still proving tough to beat, being the busier of the two keepers.

As the half wore on it was the visitors that grew in confidence and they took the lead with another good, strong attacking run through the middle from Watts to fire into the bottom corner.

To their credit, Bridport, who finished the game with nine players aged 18 and under, will only learn from the game that sometimes you have got to really want the win, and not think that past performances will guarantee it.

Fowlers Trading Estates Man of the Match: John Kingston (Waytown Hounds).

Bridport RFC

Valiant second half against high fliers

Dorset Dockers 120
Bridport 28

FOR the third week in a row Bridport were faced with a long journey to the East of the county but, unlike last week, they were at least able to raise a team thus avoiding a five point deduction *writes Stuart Briggs*.

Starting with only 13 players, they were up against a Dockers side who had won seven of their nine games played so far and, with key players missing and those present playing out of position, were understandably swamped in the first half going in 66-0 down at half time.

The second half was predictable especially as the Blues lost a player through injury after 10 minutes.

However, the Blues on the field, admirably led by captain Daragh Mcoughlin, showed tremendous fighting spirit to score four converted tries to gain a bonus point.

Mcoughlin scored a hat trick with Will Hagerty adding the fourth. All the tries were excellently converted by Rich Layzell.

Against this the Dockers ran up a further 54 points to come out 120-28 winners.

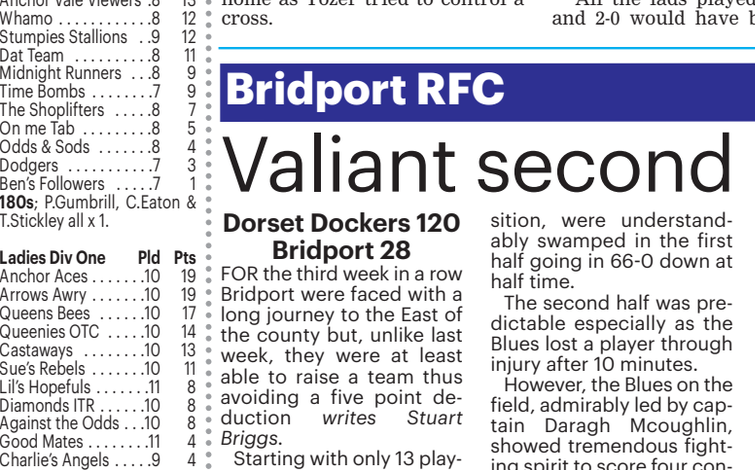
After the match the Dockers personnel were fulsome in their praise of the efforts and commitment of the Bridport squad in turning out in what was always going to be a very difficult match.

With a home game to come Saturday against Salisbury 2nds the Blues will hope to bounce back with a full squad available.

■ **FULL STRETCH:** Bridport skipper Daragh McLoughlin dots down one of his three tries in Saturday's defeat.

Motor Sport

Ireland and Scadding secure national title



■ **TITLE WINNERS:** Rex Ireland and Adrian Scadding negotiate the Forest of Dean course on their way to winning their ASWMC title. ***Photo by PAUL MITCHELL***

A FAULTY starting motor ruined what would have been West Dorset duo Rex Ireland and Adrian Scadding's best result of the season, but despite this they won a national title.

Competing in the Wyedean Stages Rally, they held 12th spot overall after the morning sessions three stages, and going into the sixth and final one had only dropped two places against some of the top rally drivers, many driving homologated works cars specifically built for racing on loose surfaces.

Unfortunately at the start of the final section their starting motor failed, and Scadding was forced to push the car into the control area whilst they fixed the problem.

This incurred a minute's penalty which dropped them from 14th to their final position of 21st.

The course around the Forest of Dean attracted over 120 drivers including Martyn England and co-driver Dawn England over whom they held a slender one point lead for the 2017 ASWMC Loose Surface Championship.

Competing in Class WRC1 in their Ford Fiesta R5+, the Taunton duo, by virtue of their four second advantage after two stages had just nudged ahead in the last of the five qualifying rounds.

But things changed on the last stage of the morning when the England's were forced to retire, handing the title to the Bridport based pair.

Bowls

Ladies toppled in vital match

BRIDPORT Ladies A lost their crucial top-of-the-table clash against DOLPHIN (Poole) 37-39 after a dramatic finish.

At the halfway stage Dolphin were cruising to an easy win as Lyn Craddock, Ann Turtell, Pat Cornick & Margaret Clapp trailed 4-18, and Pamela Daters, Margaret Pestelle, Sue Walsh & Annie Legg were losing 8-13.

Clapp's four fought back to finally lose 14-21, before Legg's troop looked to have turned the match on its head as they hit a purple patch to put Bridport two ahead with one end left.

It all went wrong though as Dolphin scored a four count to pick up the four extra points for an overall win, leaving Bridport with just two.

However, there was better news from Bridport B who picked up maximum points against DORCHESTER C to keep their promotion hopes alive.

Tracy Marley, Anne Parkins, Barbara Jenkins & Sheila Nicoll won 26-17 and Sylvia Fletcher, Pat Cowmeadow, Erica Sarson & Jenny Harding 24-17 for a 50-34 victory.

Bridport picked up their first points in the Wessex League after Roy Nicoll, Roger Cowmeadow, Martin Grier & Bob Taylor finished with a four count to win 19-18 for two points against DOLPHIN's crack side, whilst Phil Hedges, Brian Walsh, Bob Hill & Mike Fletcher went down 17-16.

At Poole, Barry Mapson, Dave Roberts, Ken Giles & Ken Enticott lost 23-20 but Mike Long, Mike Parsons, Ken Sanger & Brian Rumble never got going losing 4-33.

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Goals illuminate low key encounter

Bridport 3 Hallen 0
Toolstation premier – att: 94

THREE superbly worked goals lit up what was in truth a less than convincing Bridport performance on a heavy pitch.

With Jason Hutchings suspended and James Smith unavailable, Bridport thought they had cover when signing Dorchester Town's reserve keeper Chad Collins, only for him to withdraw on Friday through injury.

In the end manager Adam Fricker called on former Sherborne Town keeper Ashley Knibbs to help but, without the chance to get to know his back line, there were nervous moments in the Bees defence, particularly early on.

Hallen, languishing near the foot of the table, were no real match for the Bees, but they did carry a threat, mainly through striker Lee Mills who should have given the Armadillos the lead in the sixth minute, but his fierce

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close range drive took a slight deflection as it whizzed past the post.

Bridport took the lead on 21 minutes when Ed Butcher picked up the ball 35 yards from goal, outpaced a defender before slotting past keeper Sam Burgess.

Hallen almost equalised immediately, but Mills' flying header flew straight at Knibbs.

The lead was double when Leighton Thomas provided the perfect near post cross for Mark Salter to thump a fabulous header.

The second half saw Hallen once again start quickly and Shadrack Twum Barina produced an angled shot that Knibbs brilliantly palmed away. The resulting corner was cleared upfield and Hebditch played a one-two with Salter before making it 3-0. The goal finally killed Hallem's aspirations and the game became rather scrappy.

Bridport were denied a fourth when Salter's looping header from Andy Martin's far post free kick beat Burgess but was hacked off the line.

The win sees Bridport move up to ninth and if they were victorious at bottom side Longwell Green Sports last night (Tuesday), could have clambered up into the top six with games in hand.

Manager Fricker said: "It wasn't the greatest of games and they didn't worry us too much, but you have to put away what's in front of you."

"The pitch wasn't great and it disrupted us as bit and with Jason missing it just puts the back four on edge a little; but sometimes you have to win dirty and that's what the lads did, but the goals were all excellent."

■ WINNER: Beaminster Beagles' Frank Smith won the Mary Poole Memorial Cup at the recent annual Beaminster & District Short Mat Tournament after an 11-5 singles final against Netherbury's Mike Wheeler who led early on in a match which went right down to the wire. The pairs competition provided a sensational victory for Netherbury's Mel Ricketts & Heather Dixon who had an 11-7 victory over Toller's Geoff Hansen & Roger Dobbs in the final. Pictured above Frank Smith receives the trophy from League secretary Paul Radford.

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